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# THE FANTASTIC FOUR

**4** A team—and a family—of adventurers, explorers and imaginauts, the Fantastic Four lead lives both ordinary—and extraordinary. As of today:

**3** As part of a gambit to thwart an alien race, team leader Reed Richards swapped the powers of the Human Torch and the Invisible Woman...

**2** ...but when he built a device to restore them, it exploded, removing everyone's powers and leaving them to wonder:

**1** "Where'd they go?"



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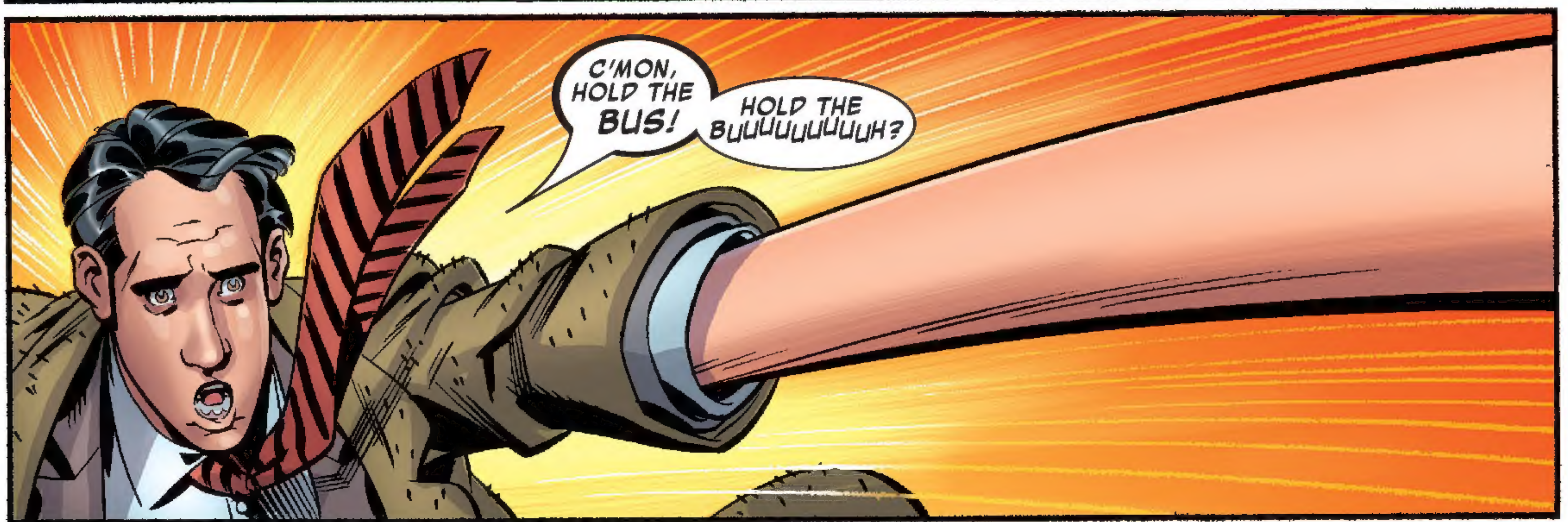
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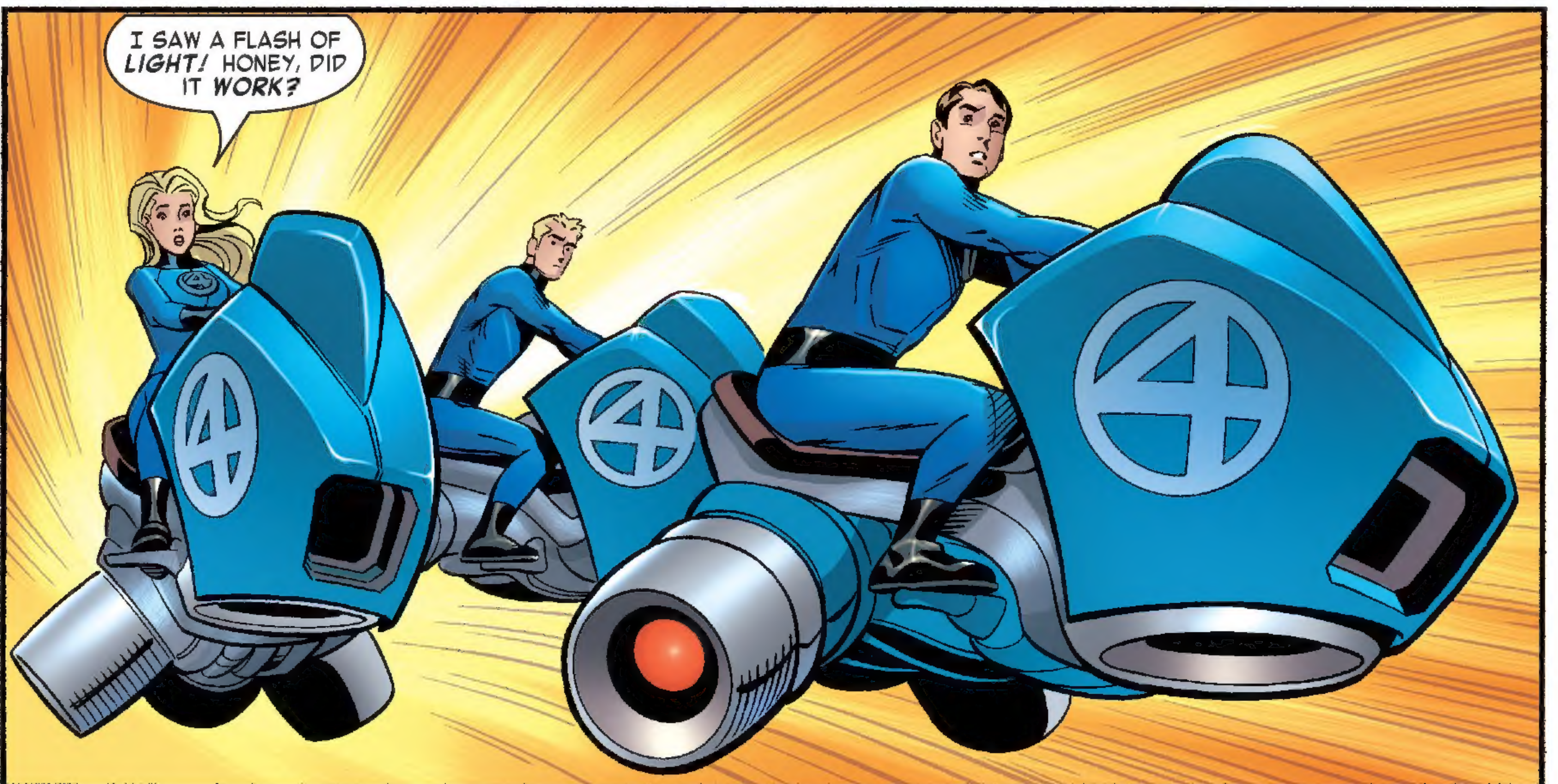
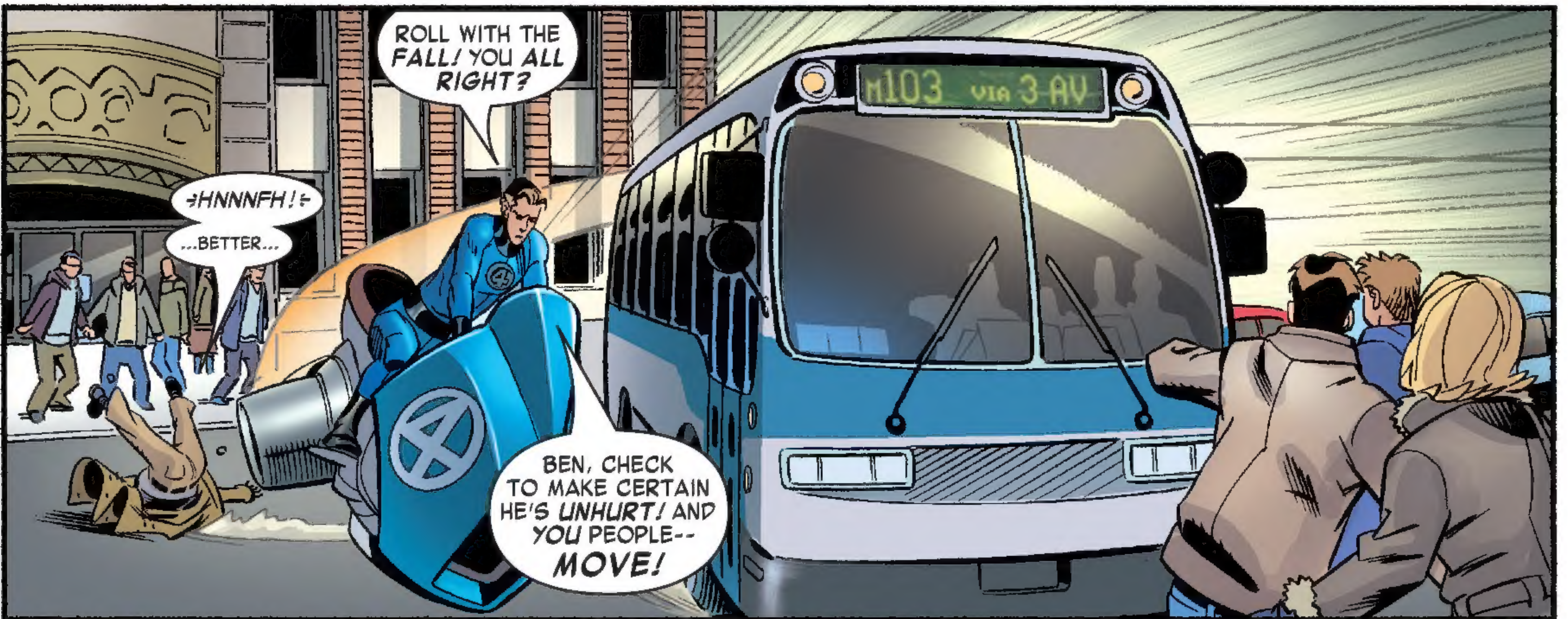
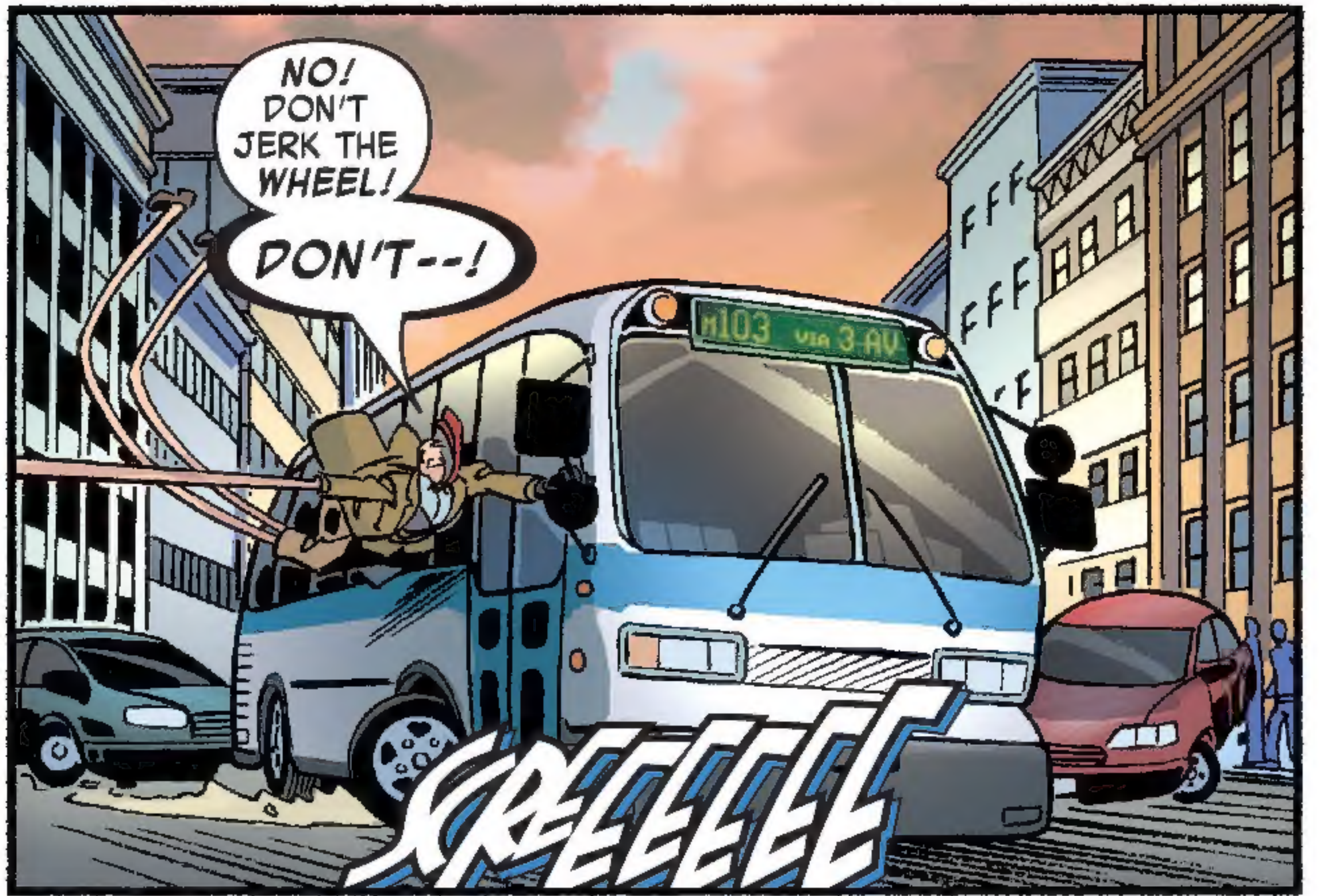
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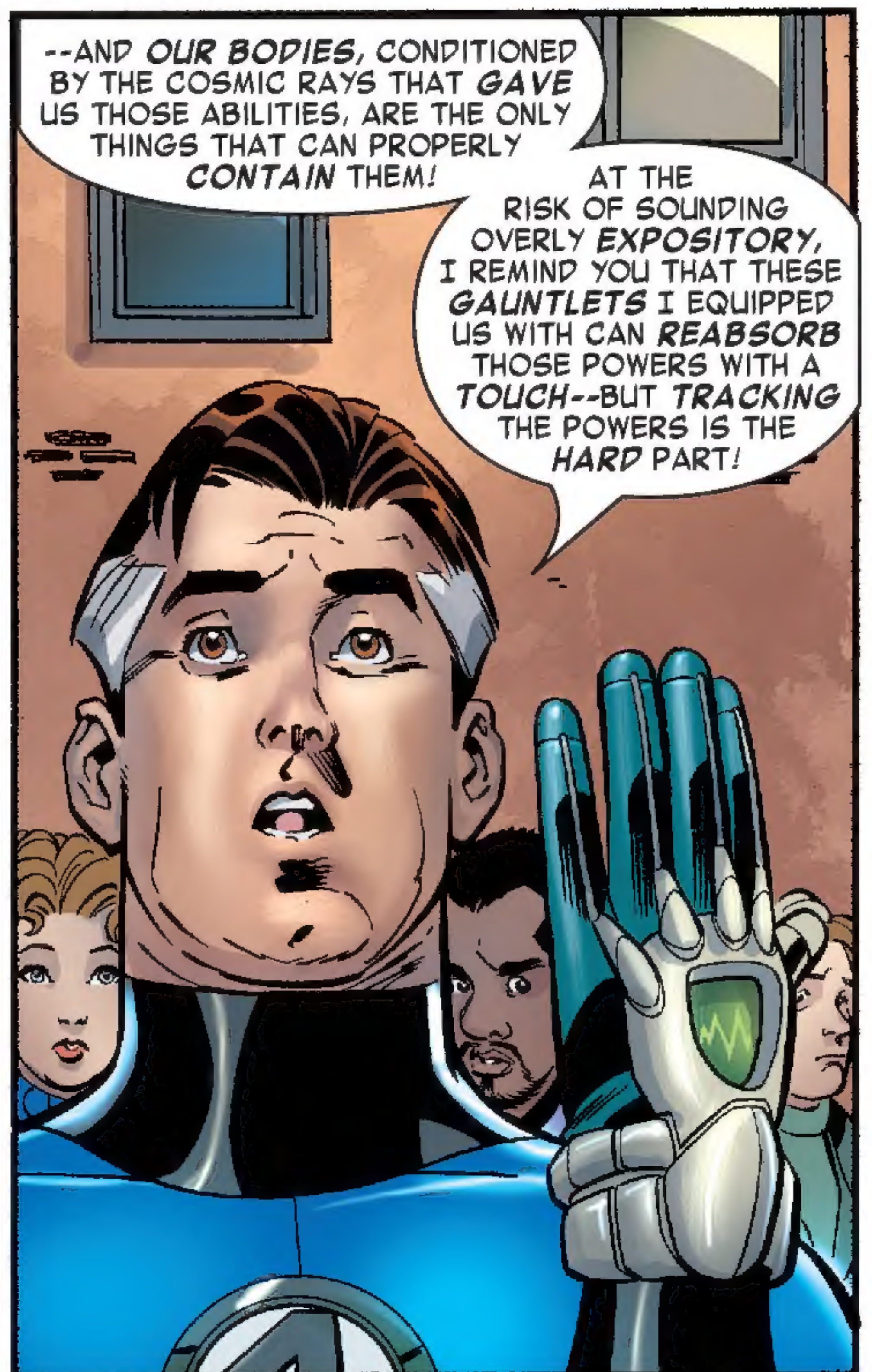
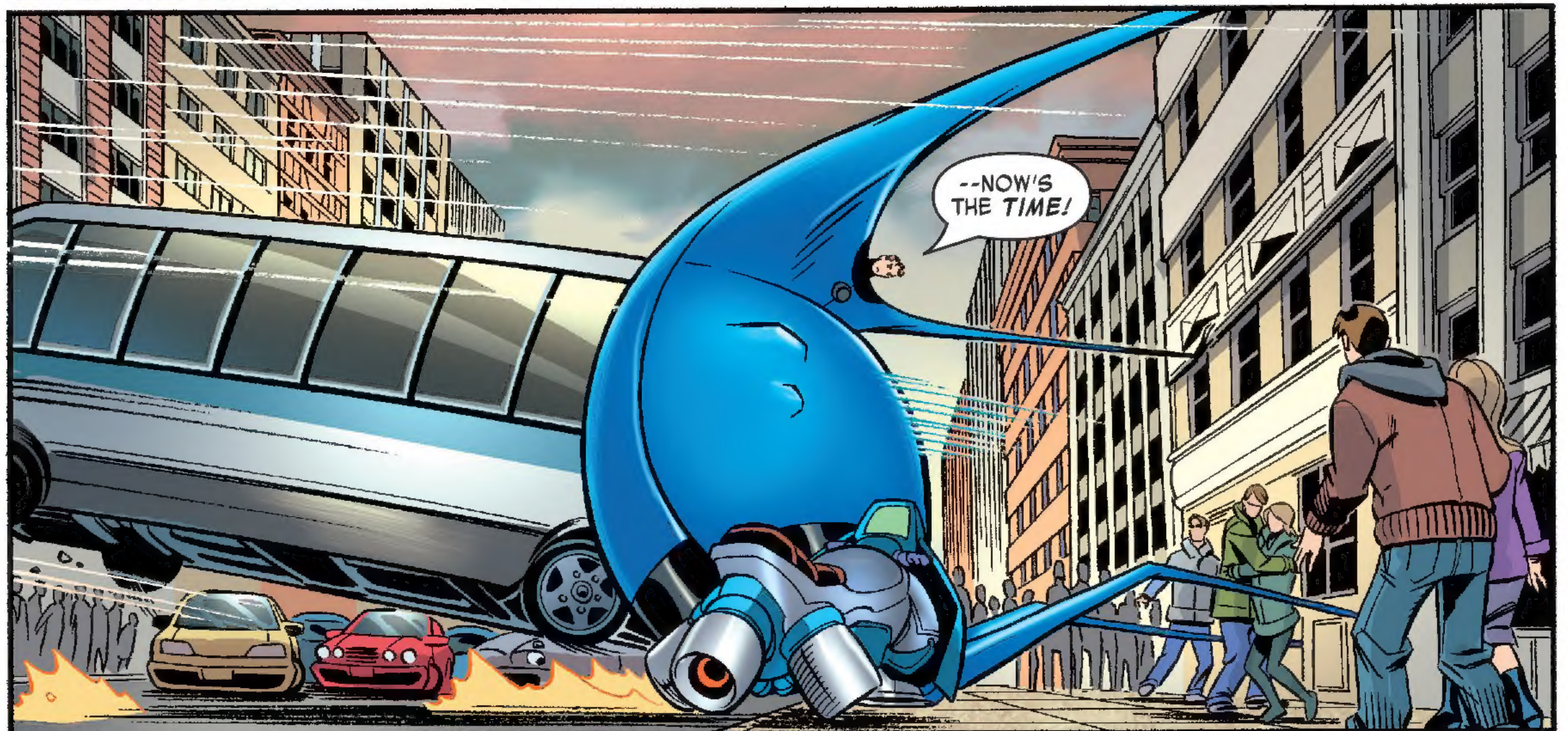
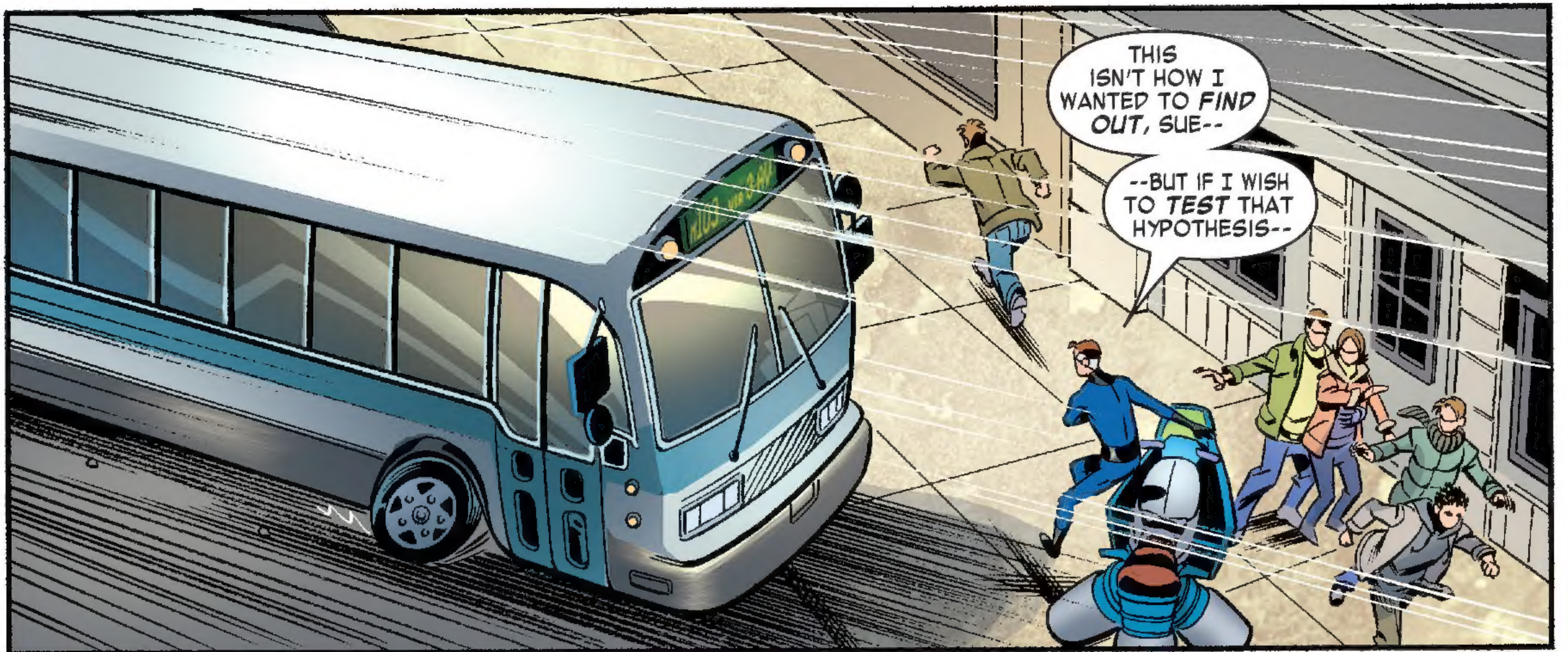




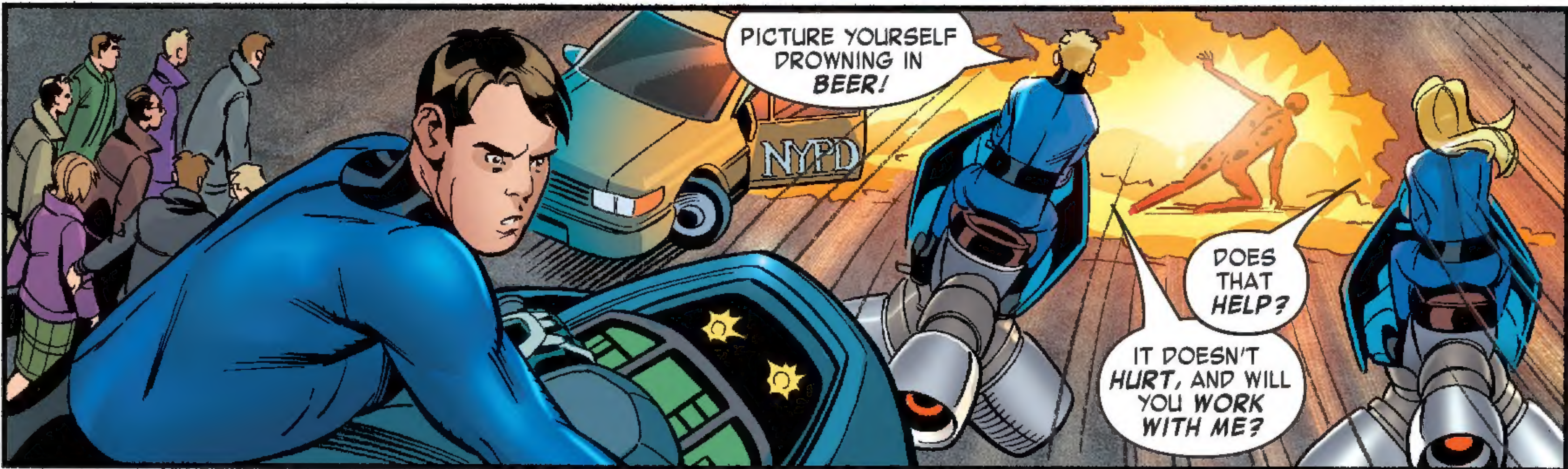
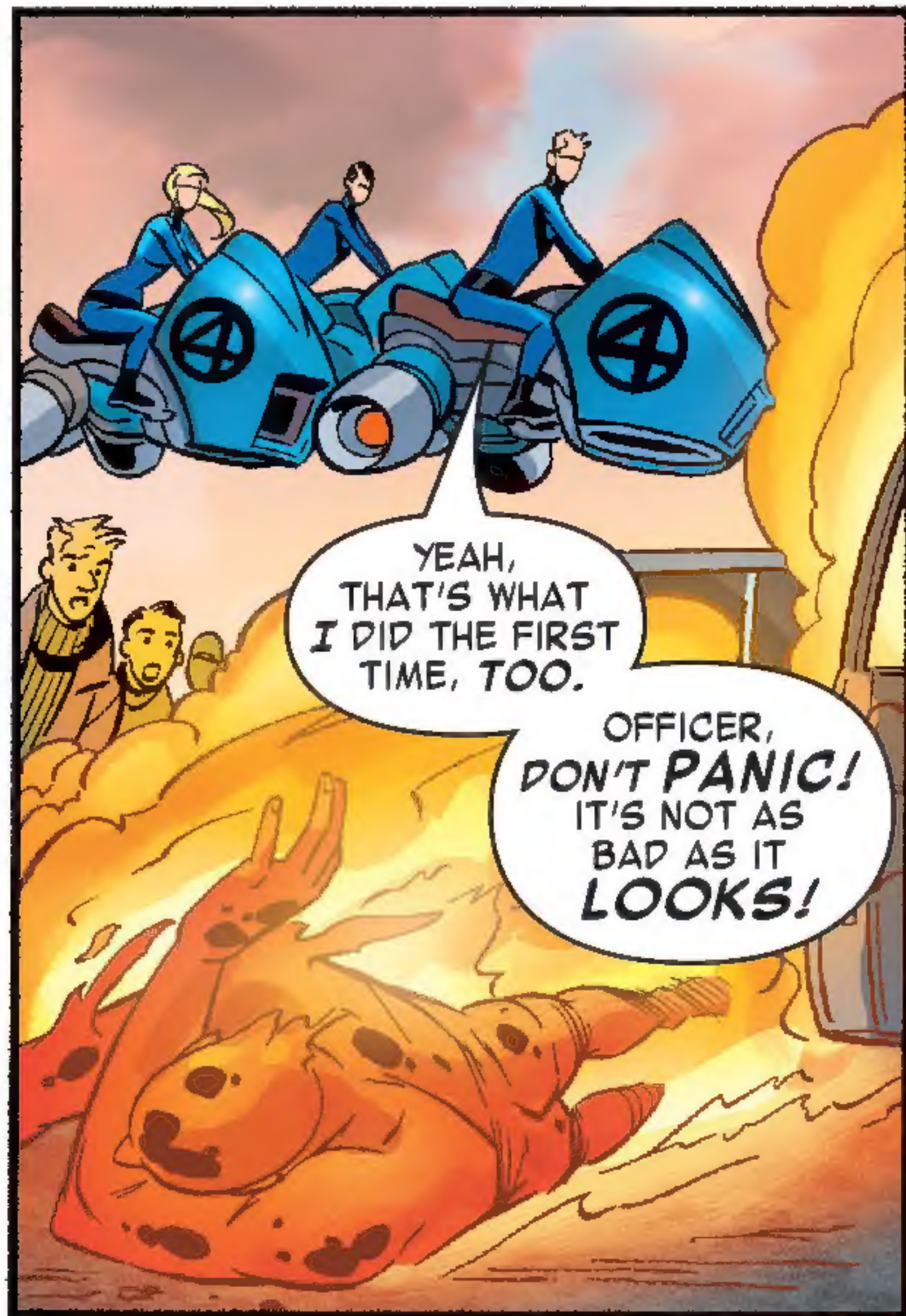
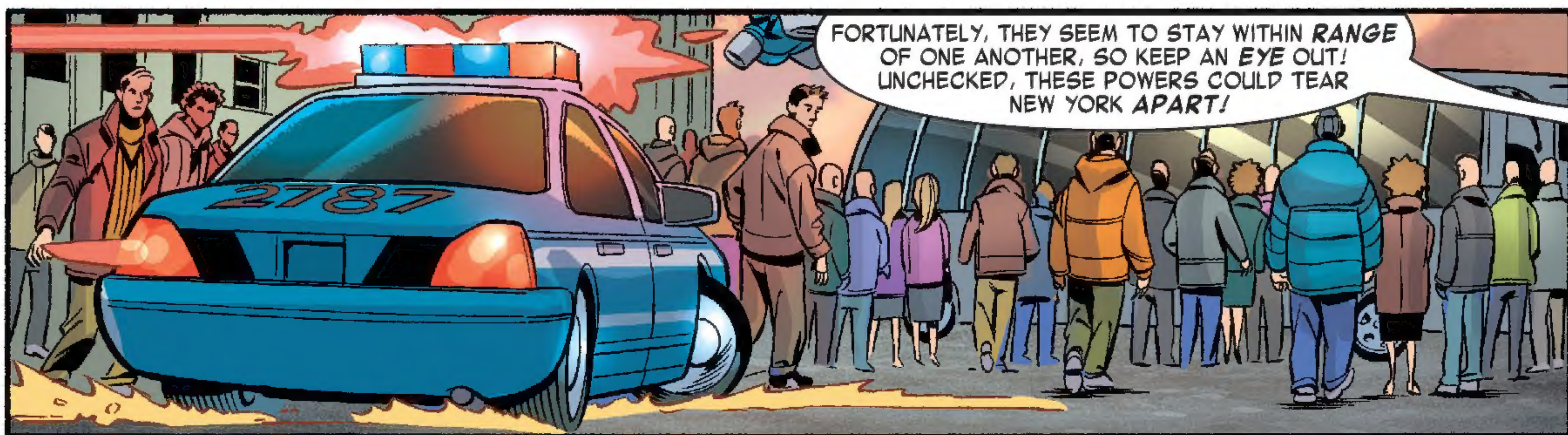




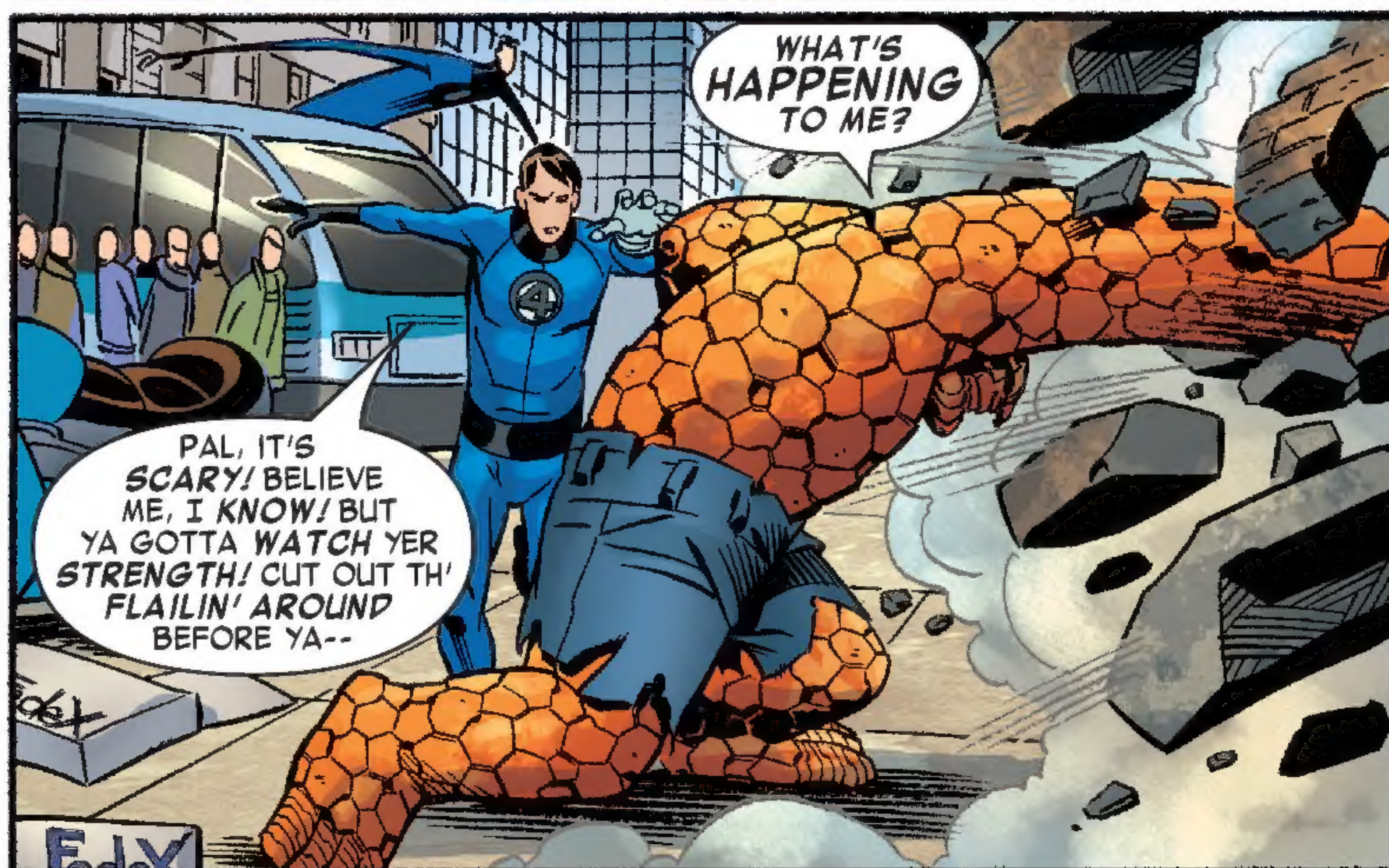
















WELL, DID YOU USE YOUR GAUNTLET?

I...I REACHED FOR HIM! HONEST! I...

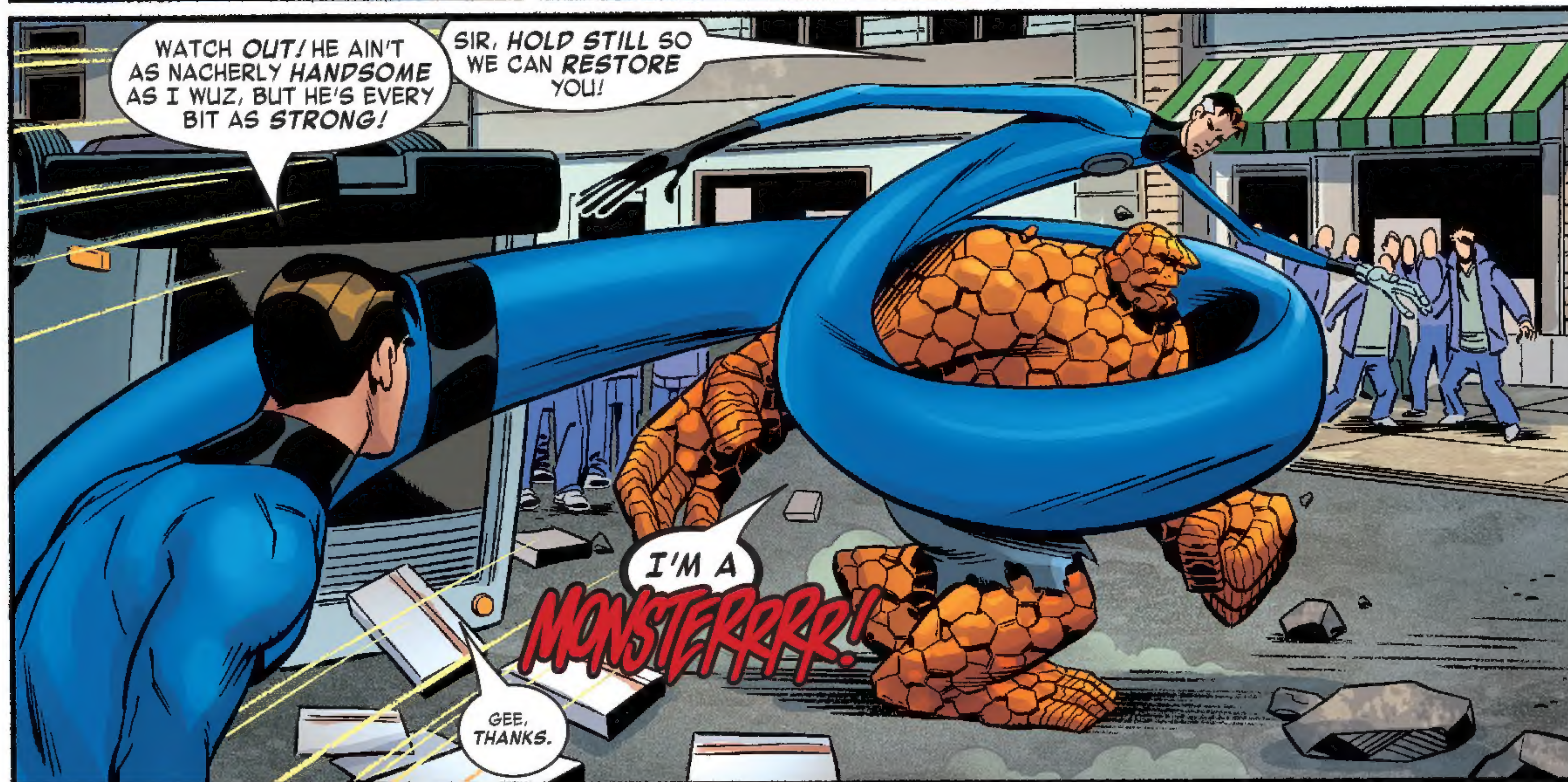
...I GUESS I...



...I MUSTA MISSED HIM.



YOU MUST HAVE.



WATCH OUT! HE AIN'T AS NACHERLY HANDSOME AS I WUZ, BUT HE'S EVERY BIT AS STRONG!

SIR, HOLD STILL SO WE CAN RESTORE YOU!

I'M A MONSTERRRR!

GEE, THANKS.



BLAST IT! WE MOVED TOO SLOWLY!

THE POWER'S TRAVELING AGAIN!



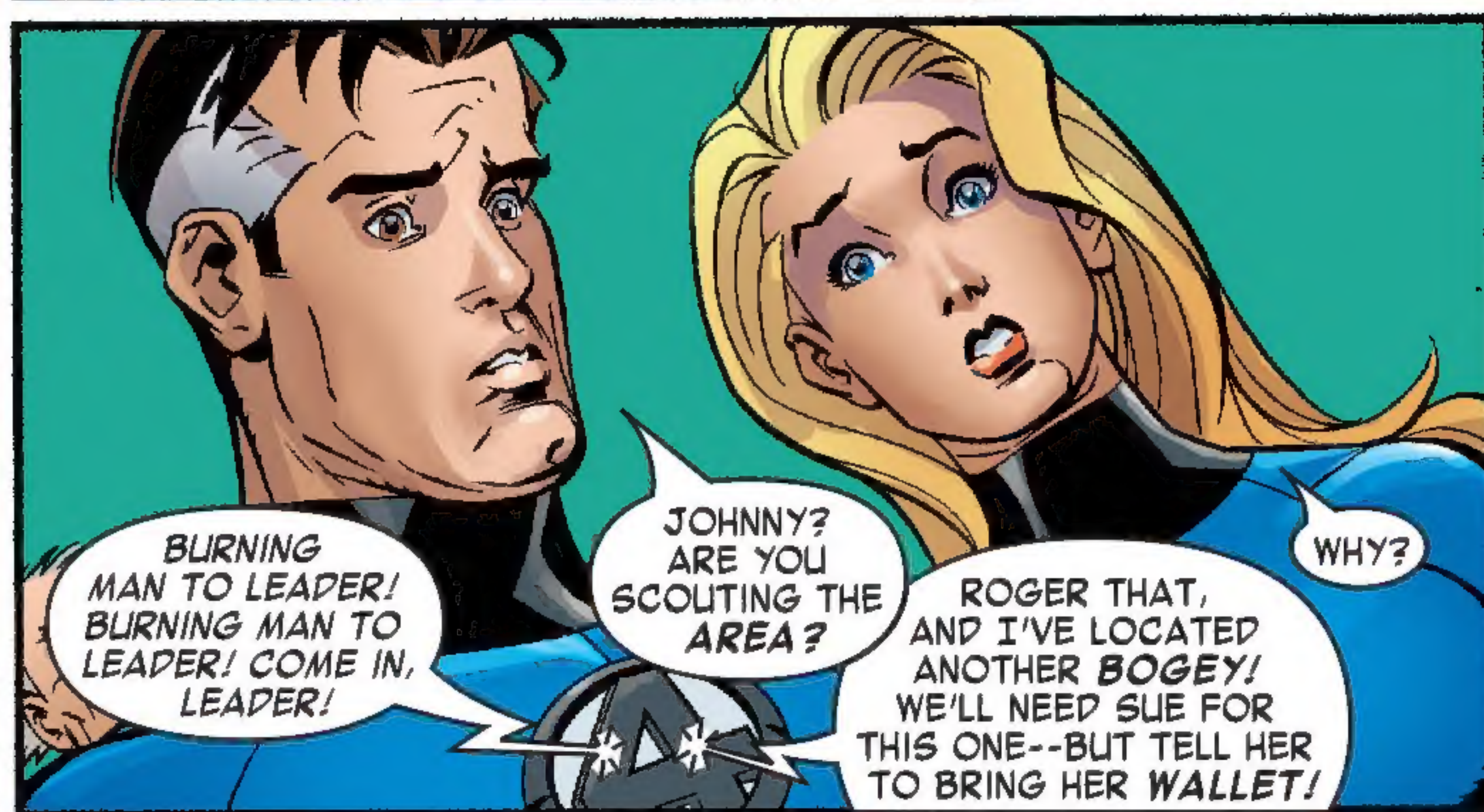
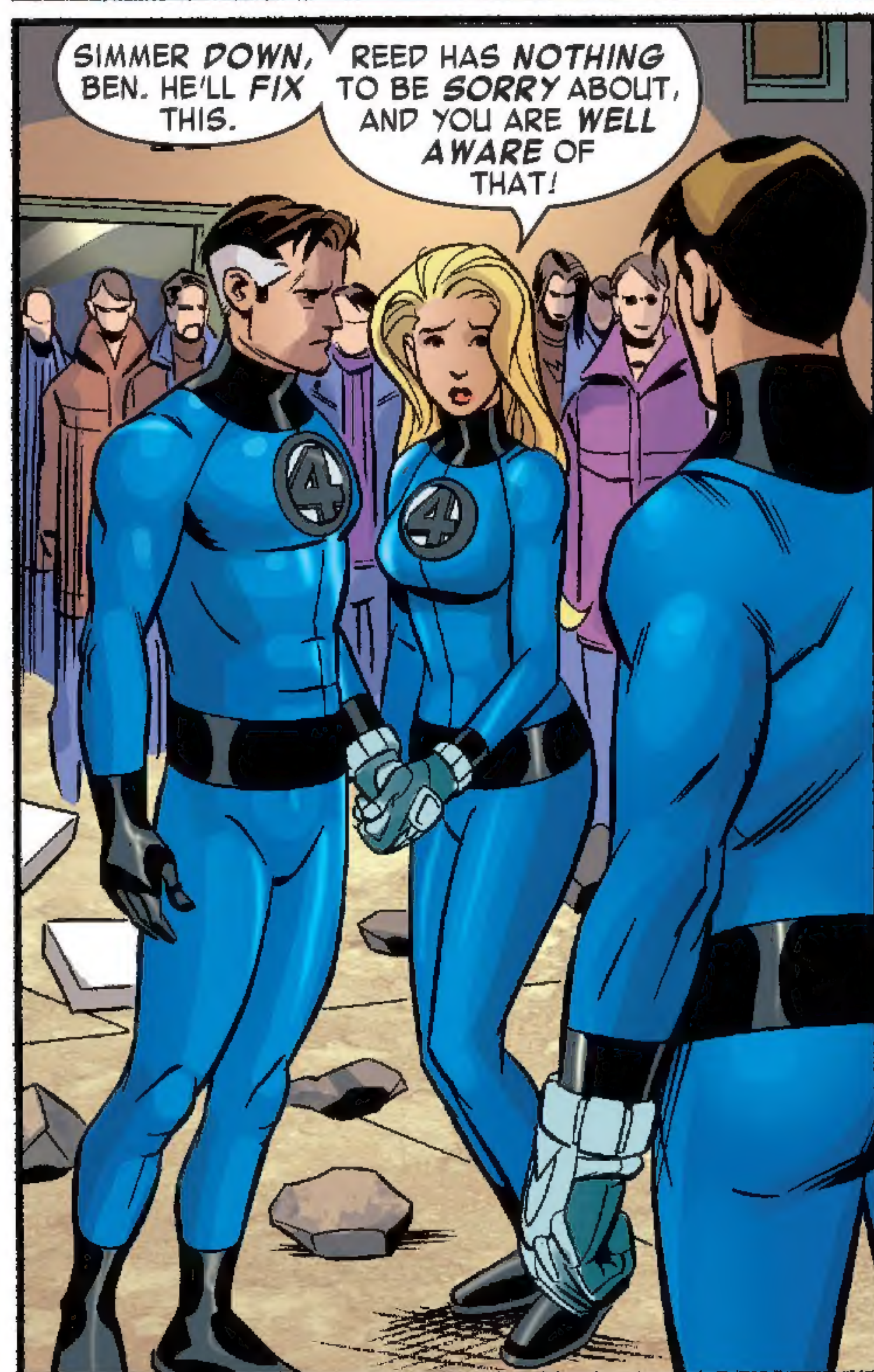
I CANNOT APOLOGIZE ENOUGH FOR THIS, SIR. HERE'S MY CARD.

BILL THE FANTASTIC FOUR FOR YOUR CLOTHING AND ANY PERSONAL LOSSES, AND HAVE YOUR EMPLOYER CONTACT US REGARDING YOUR TRUCK.

HOW'D YOU DO, BICHEAD?

SAME AS. POWER ZIP-ZAPPED AWAY, WHICH MAKES US ONE FOR THREE. WITH THAT RECORD, WE COULD BE THE TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS.







FUNNY.  
I WASN'T PREPARED  
TO LEARN ANYTHING NEW  
ABOUT MYSELF TODAY,  
BUT THIS IS ACTUALLY  
WEIRDLY EROTIC. STILL,  
MISS, MAY I MAKE A  
SUGGESTION?

...AIN'T  
PAYIN'  
NO COVER  
CHARGE FOR  
THIS...

YEAH?

ANY SECOND NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK DOWN AT YOURSELF AND REALIZE WHY EVERYONE'S LEAVING IN A HUFF, AND YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY NOT TO--

EEEEEE!

--SCREAM. CALM DOWN! I'VE GOT YOU--!

YOU KNOW THE RULES. NO HANDS.

FEH.

THIS ONE'S YOURS, SUE. I'LL HOLD HER WHILE YOU--

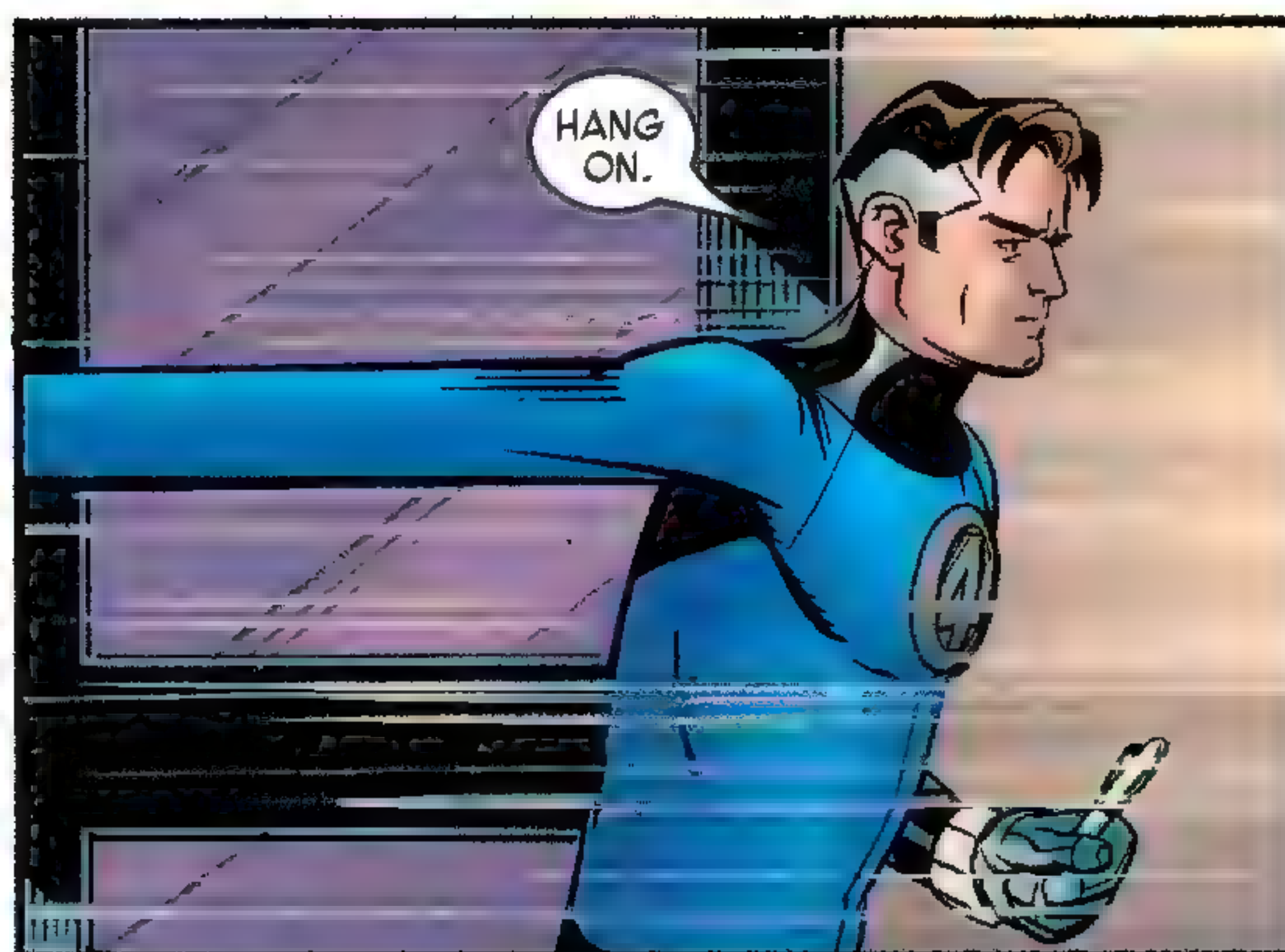
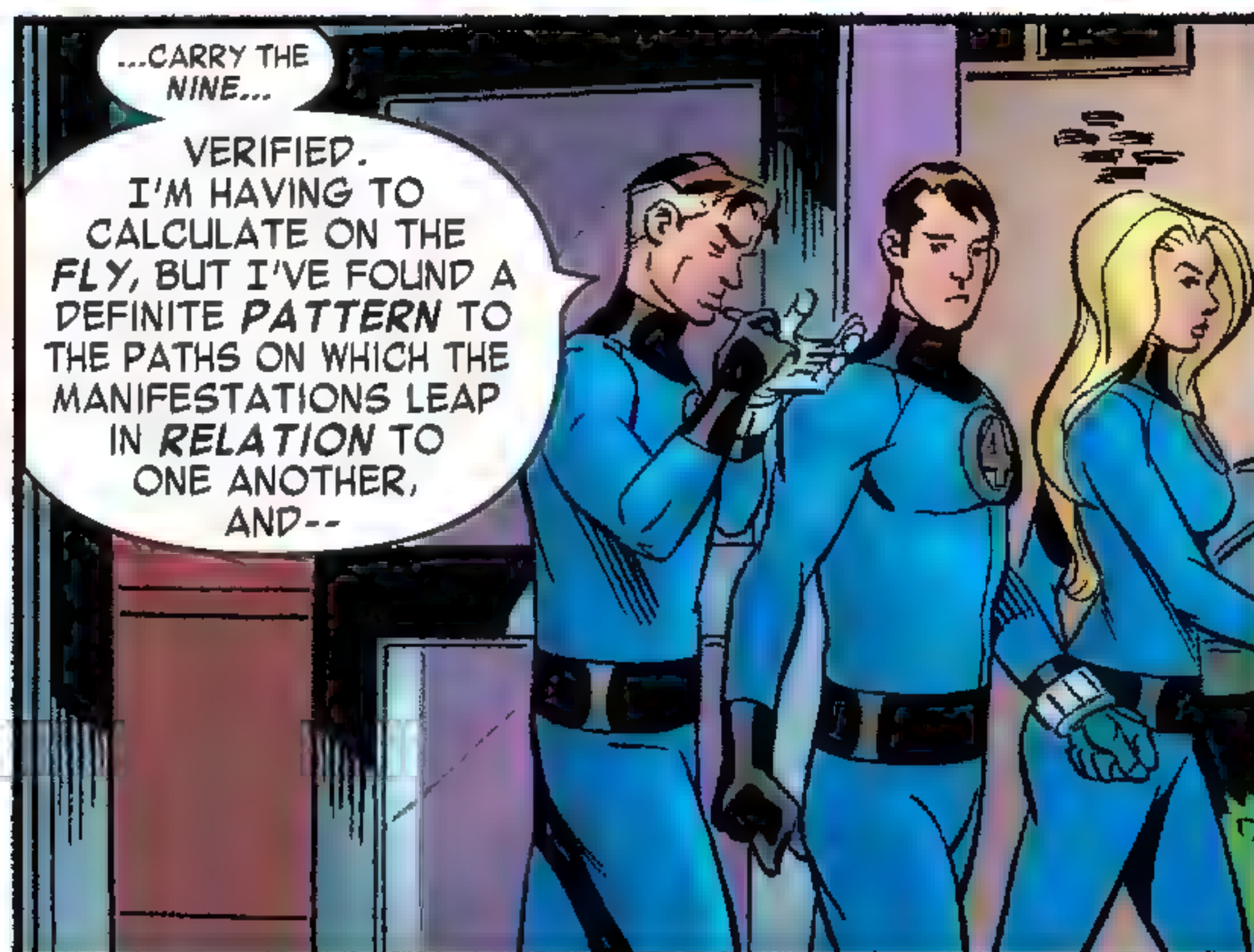
YEAH, NO. I REALLY THINK I SHOULD BE THE ONE TO GROPE THE NAKED LADY, OKAY?

SETTLE DOWN, SWEETIE... THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD...

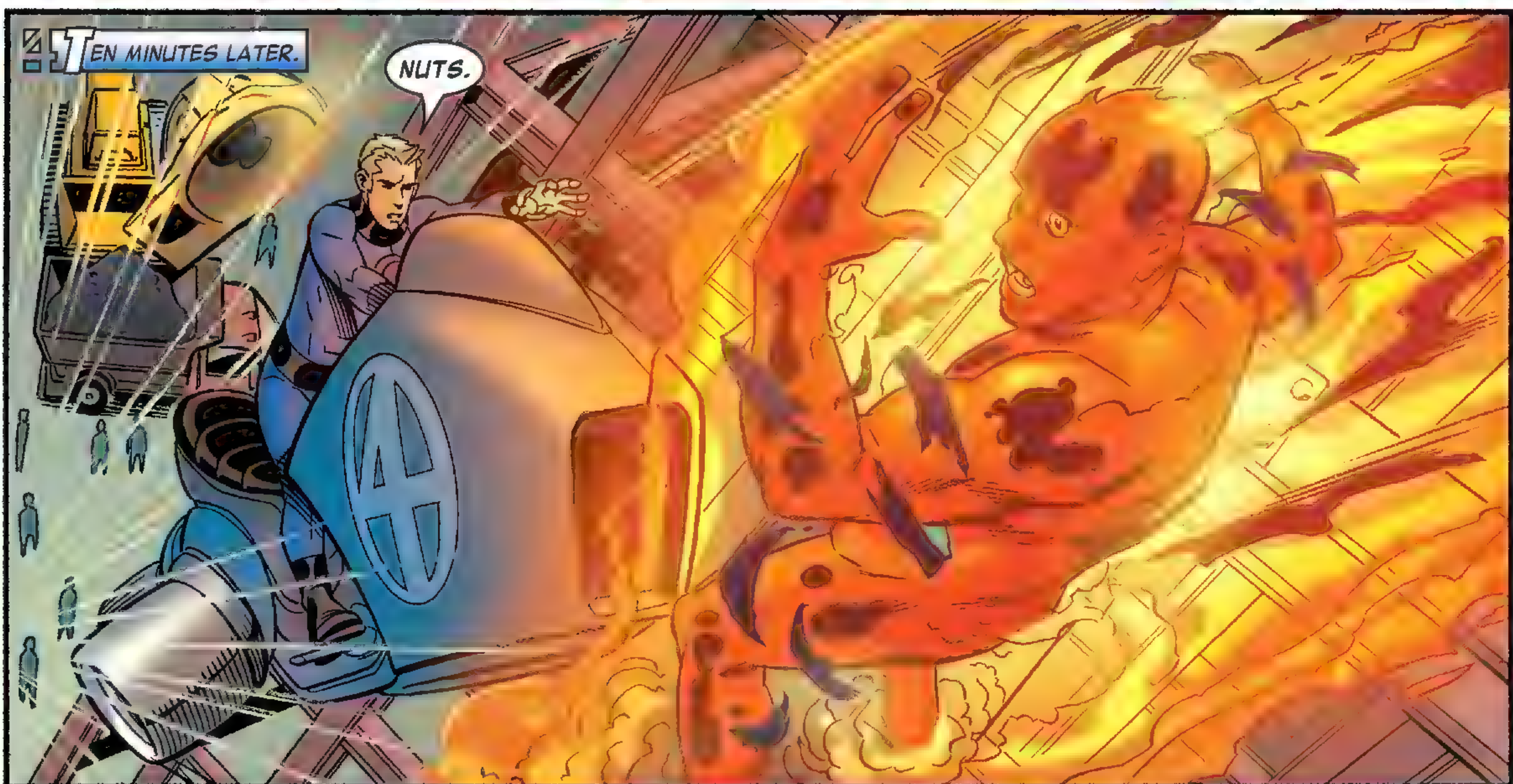
WAAAAH!



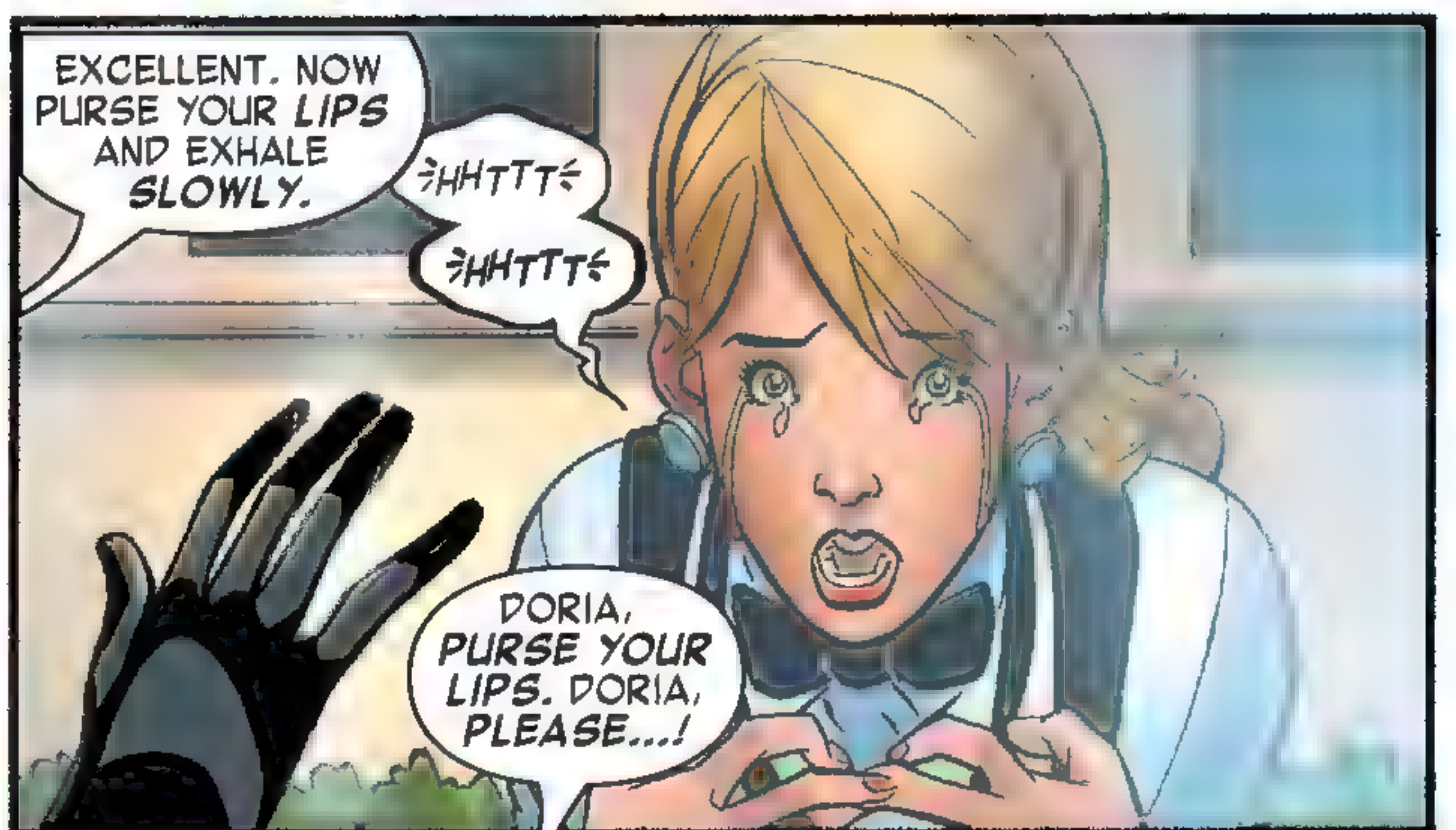
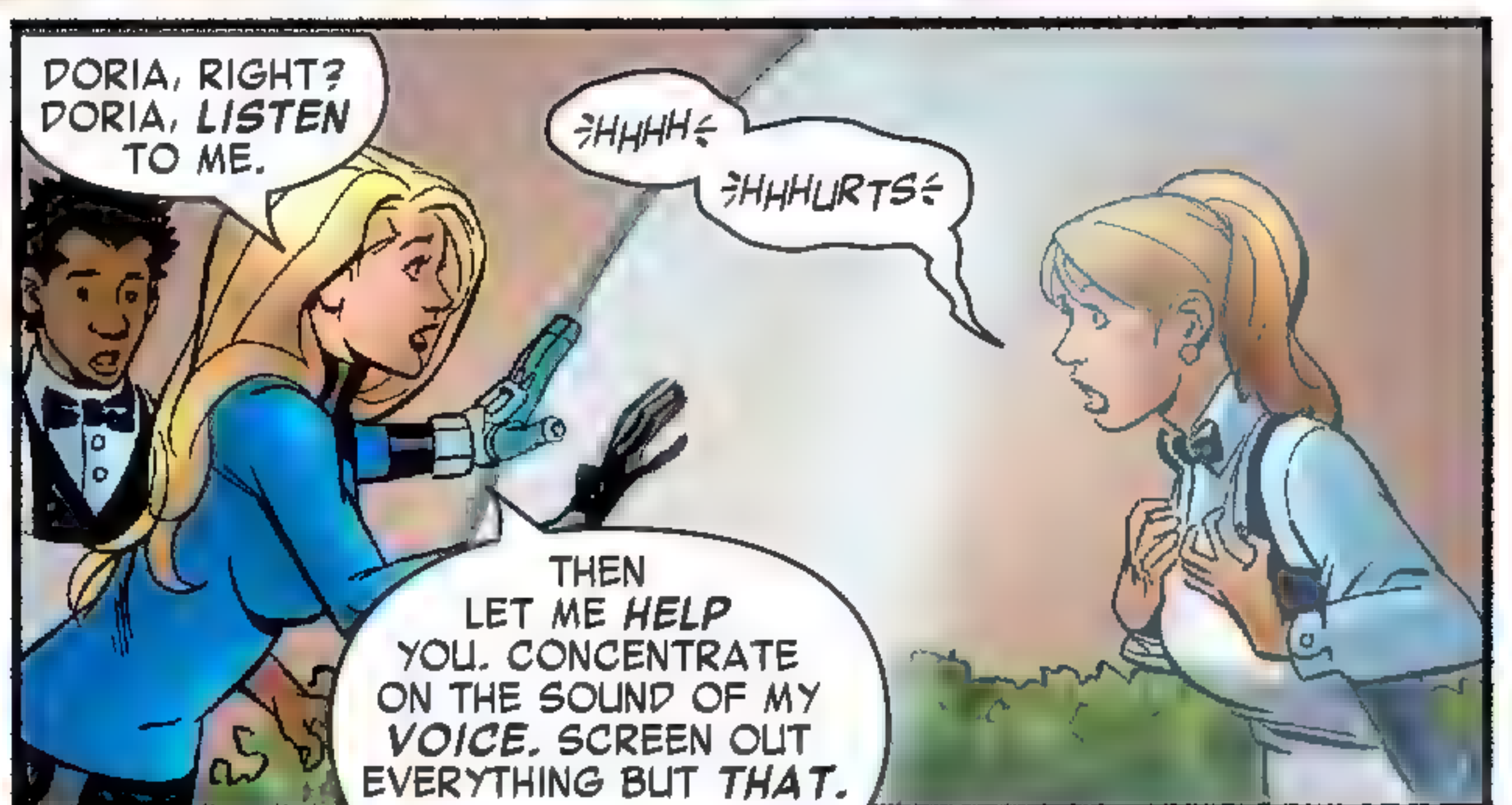
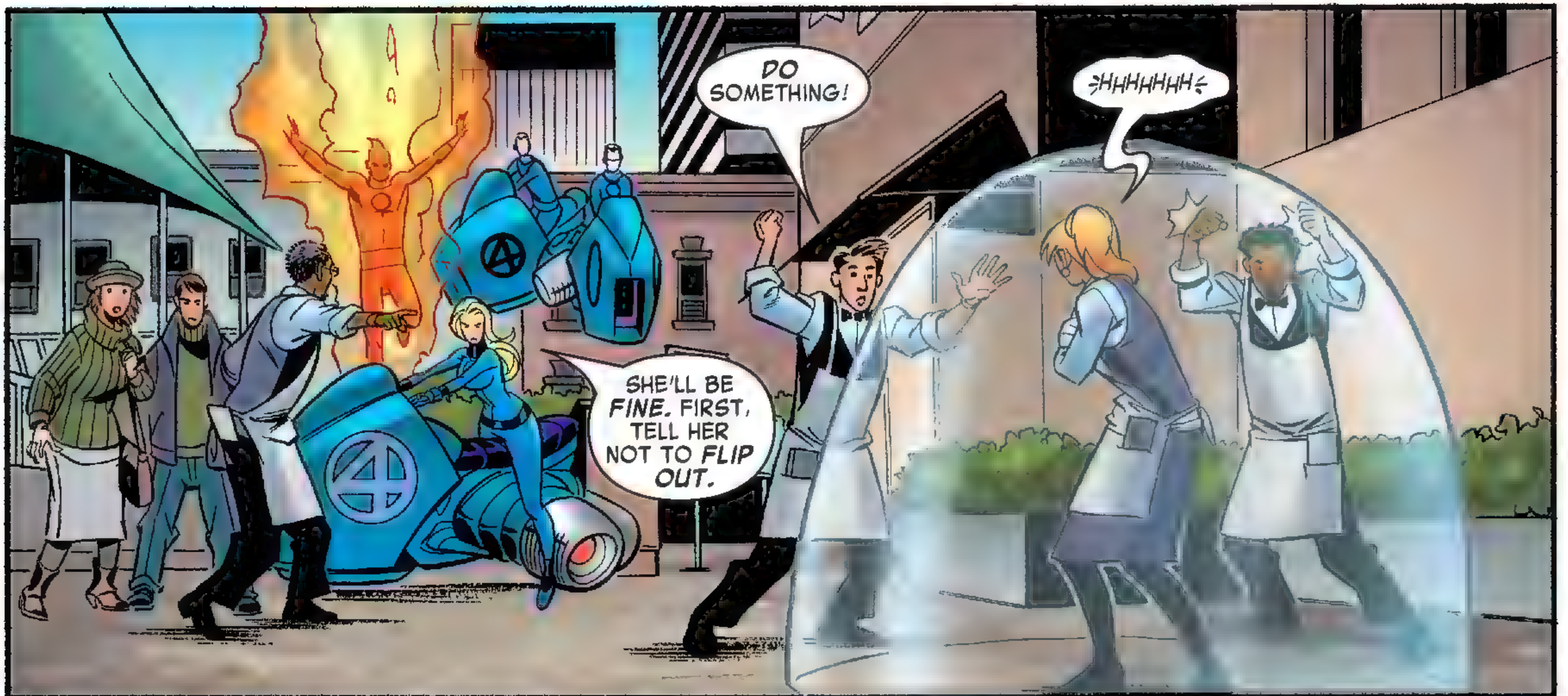
BOOMCHA BOOM BOOMCHA BOOMCHA BOOM



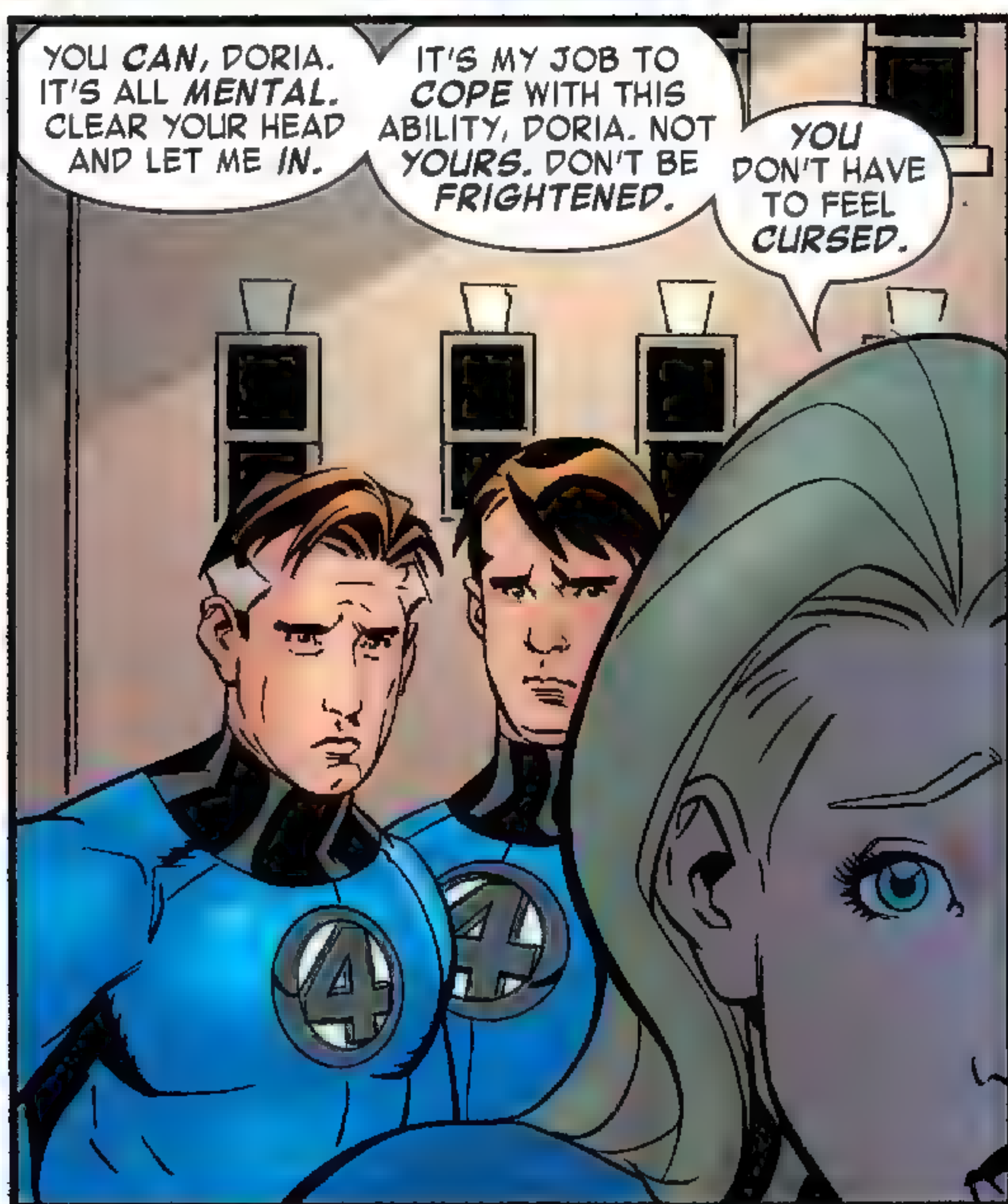
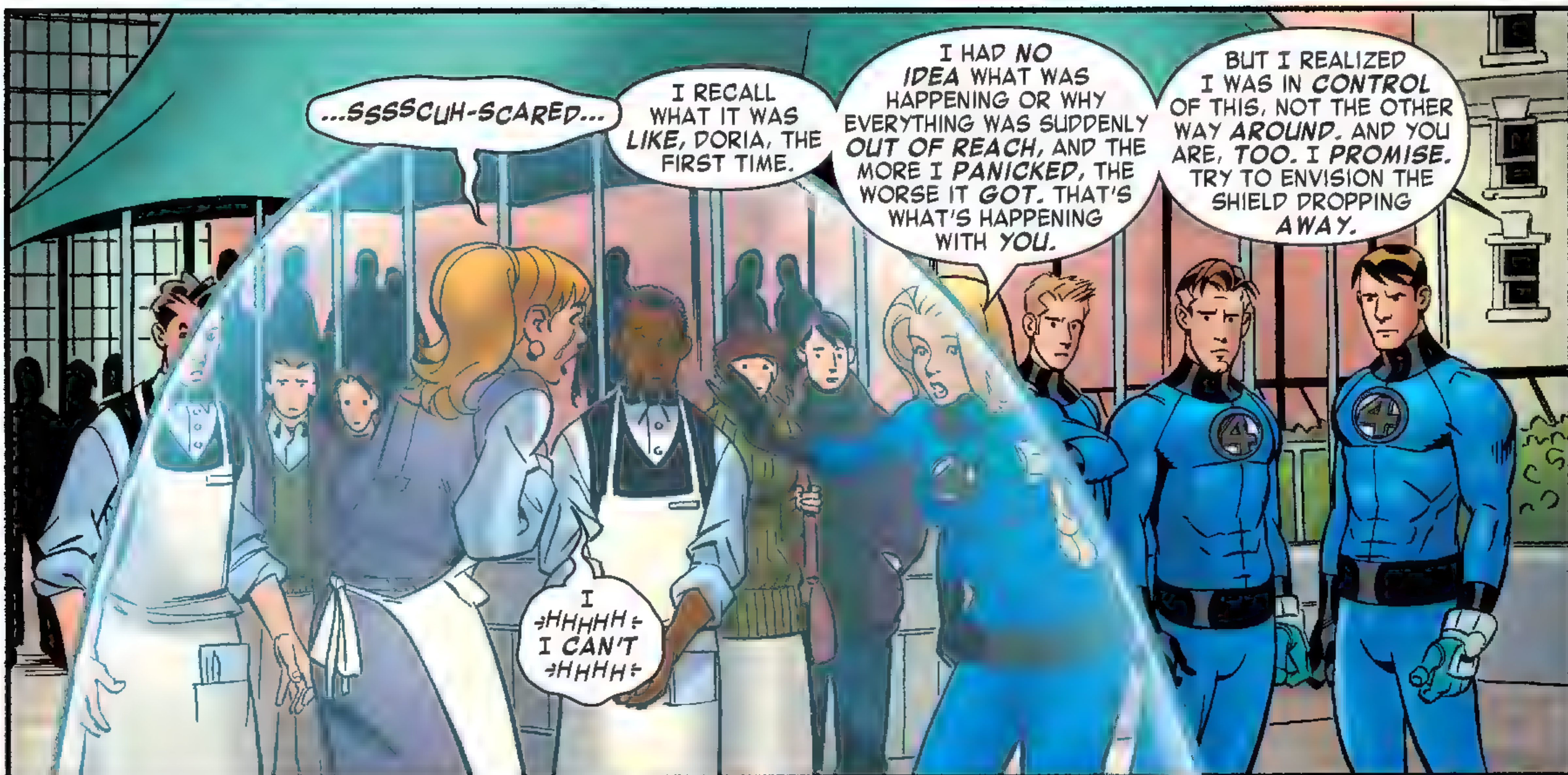
















YA FERGOT TA VECTOR TH' HYPOTENUSE.

HERE. LEMME SHOW YA.

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



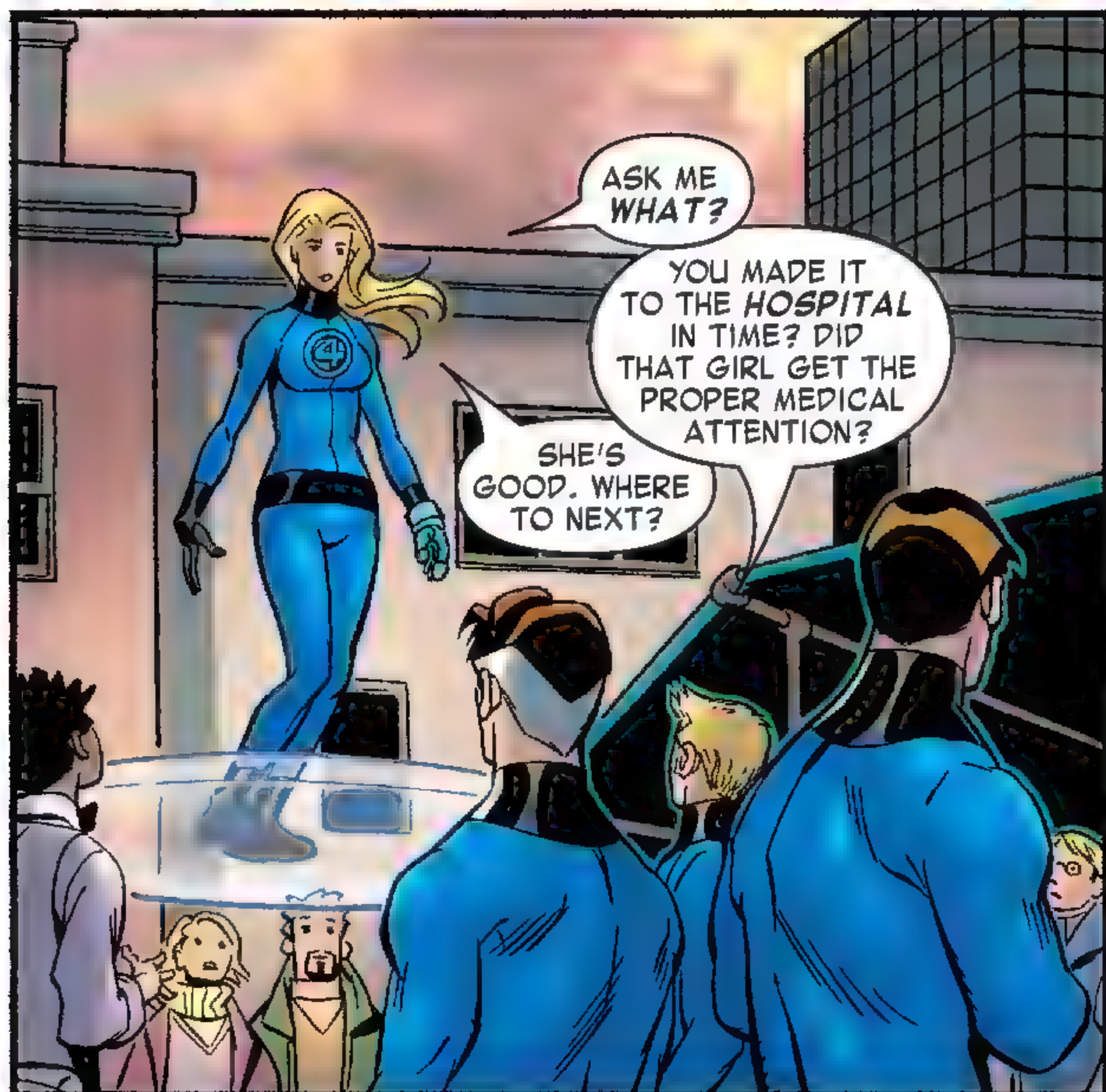
BEN, GIVE THAT B--

UH-HUH. Y'SEE? RIGHT HERE. YER COEFFICIENT IS ALL BINOMIALED. ASK JOHNNY! HE'LL TELL YA!

BEN, STOP FOOLING AROUND!

I'M JUST MESSIN' WITH YA. TELL YA WHAT. HOWZABOUT I BUY US ALL A ROUND O' COFFEE 'FORE WE HIT TH' BRICKS AGAIN?

ASK SUZIE. THAT'S HER COMIN' BACK, RIGHT?



ASK ME WHAT?

YOU MADE IT TO THE HOSPITAL IN TIME? DID THAT GIRL GET THE PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION?

SHE'S GOOD. WHERE TO NEXT?



NOW THAT WE'RE POWERED AGAIN, YOU, JOHNNY AND I NEED TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH UPTOWN.

BEN, ON THE OTHER HAND, SHOULD GO AWAY AND CHECK ON THE CHILDREN SO HE CAN STOP HOLDING US BACK.

HUH?

YOU HEARD ME. GET OUT OF MY SIGHT.

ME? WHAT'D I DO?



IT'S WHAT YOU'RE NOT DOING, AND IT SICKENS ME. YOU "MISSED" YOUR TARGET EARLY ON...YOU WANT A COFFEE BREAK... YOU AREN'T DUPING ANYONE, BEN!

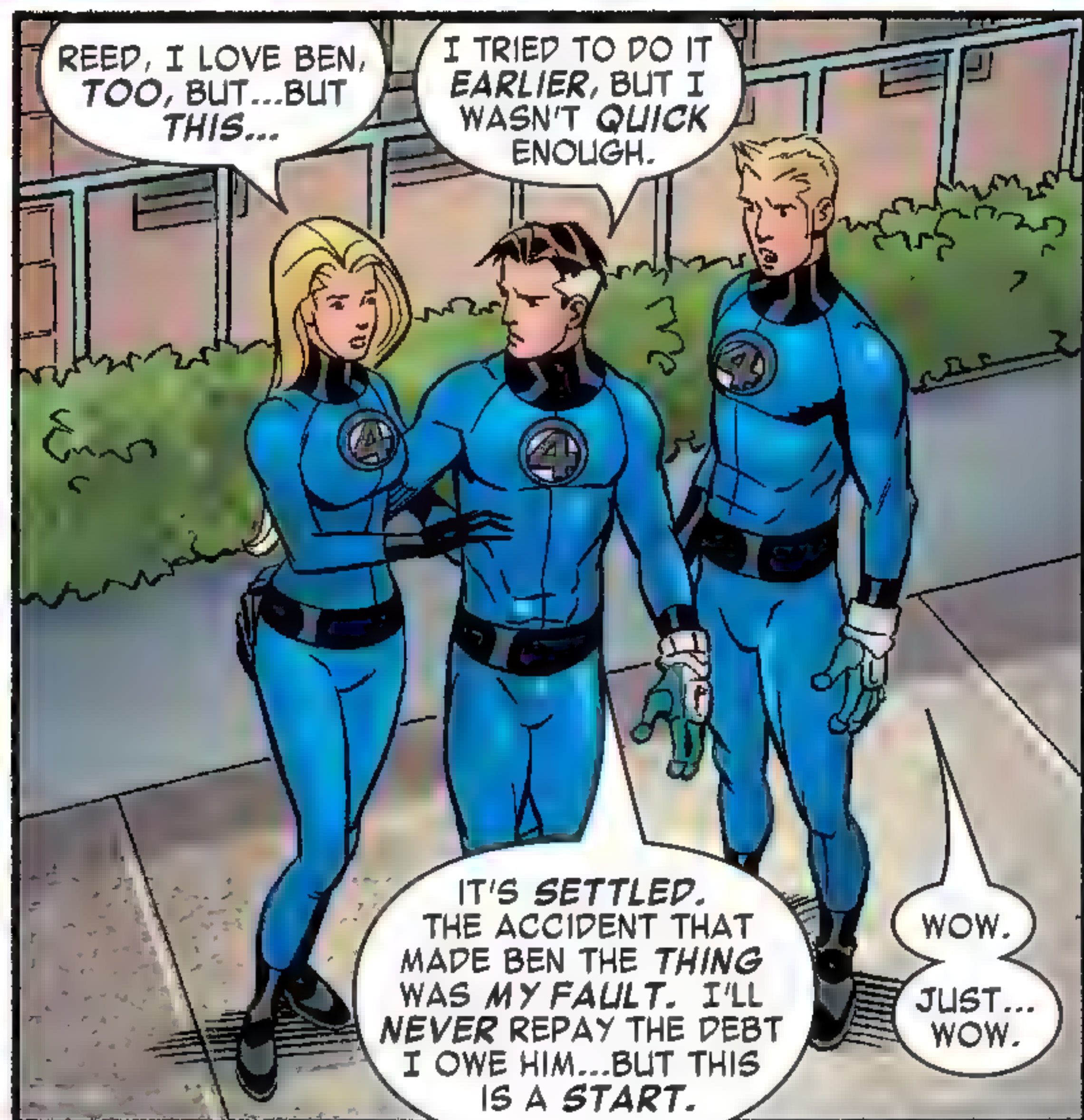
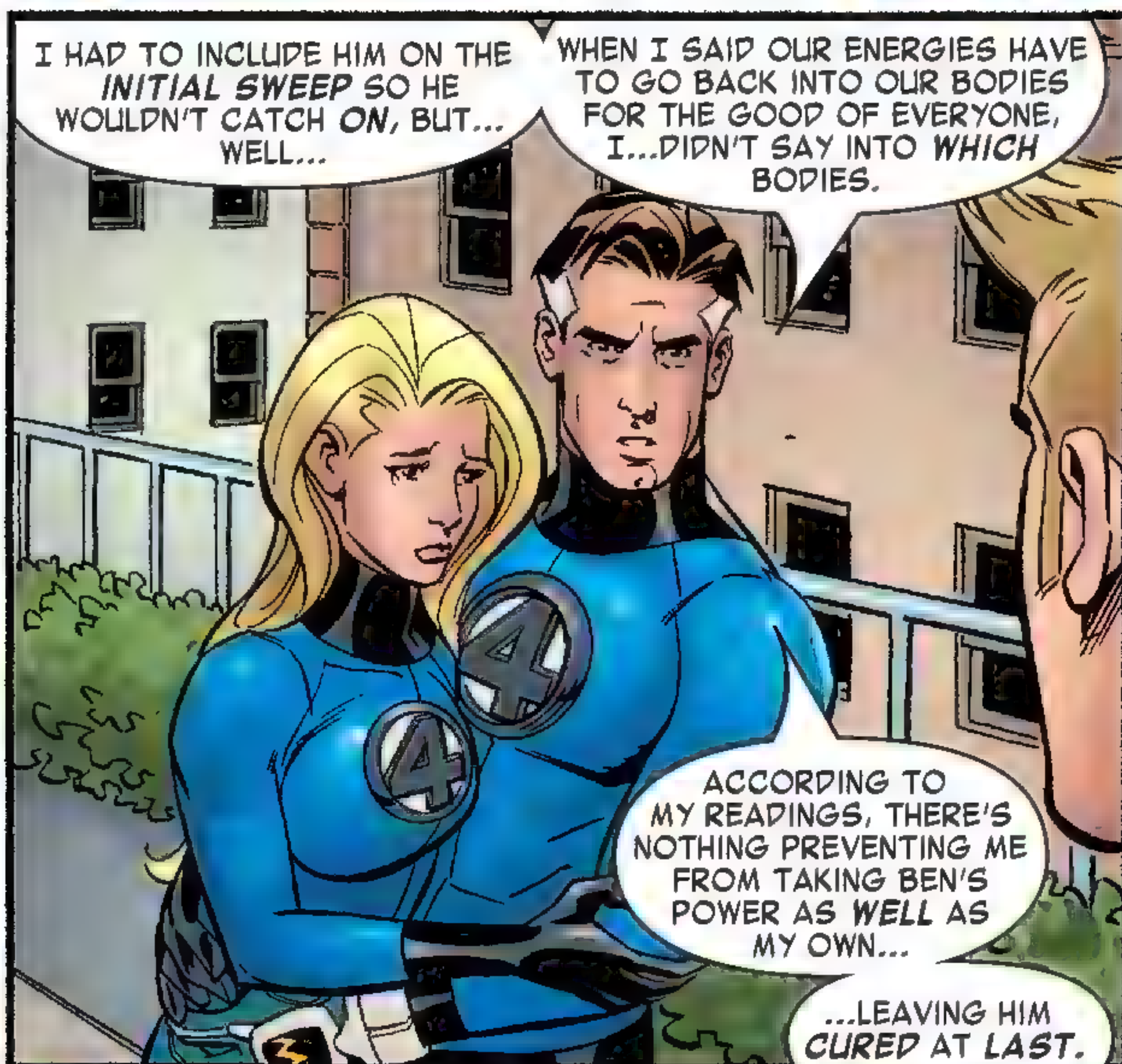
YOU'RE INTENTIONALLY RISKING INNOCENT LIVES TO AVOID THE INEVITABLE! THAT'S INEXCUSABLE-- EVEN FOR YOU!

"EVEN FOR"--? WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSETA MEAN?

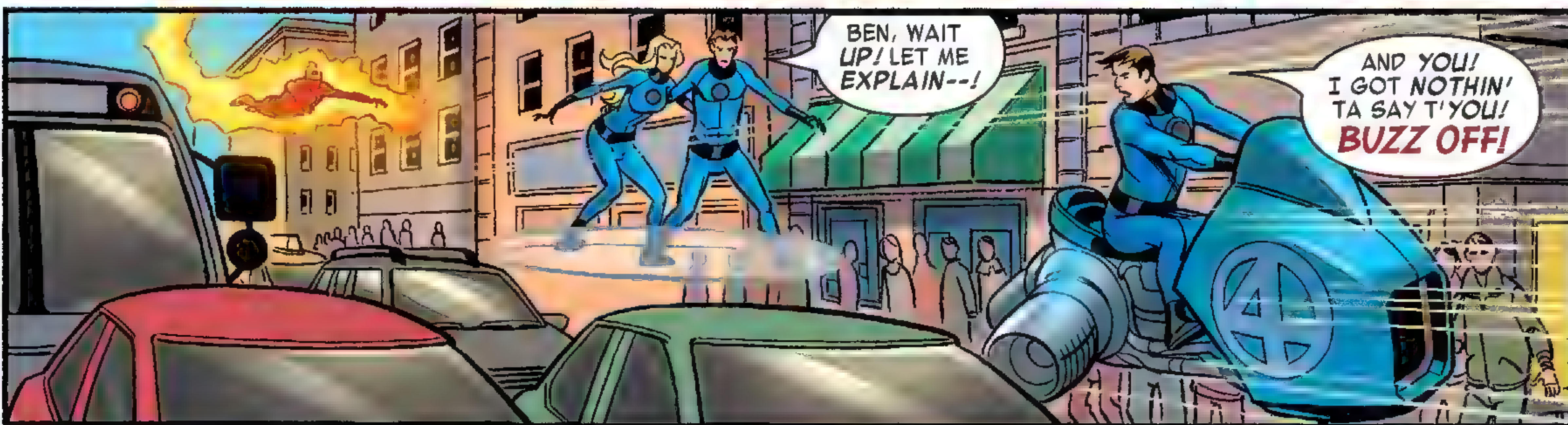
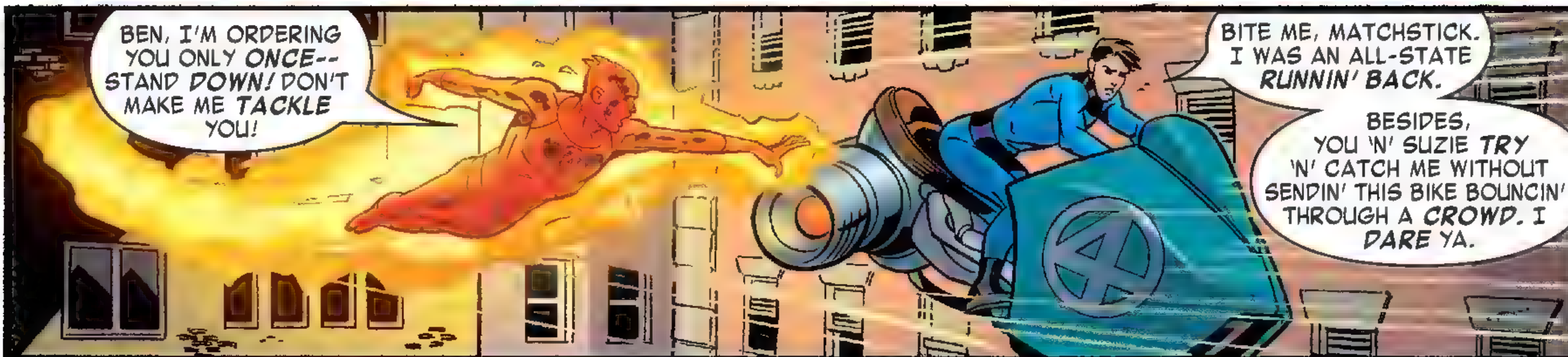
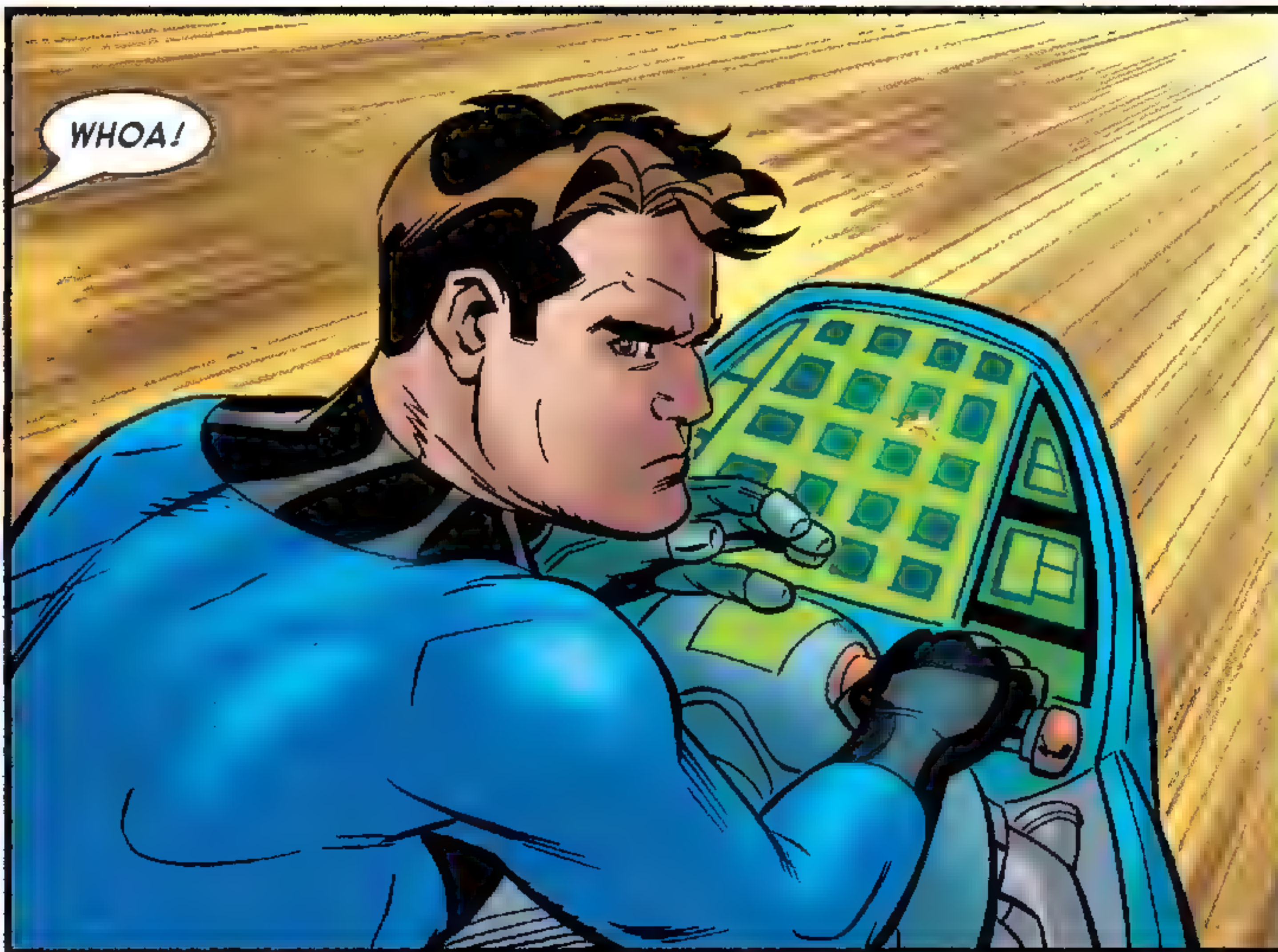
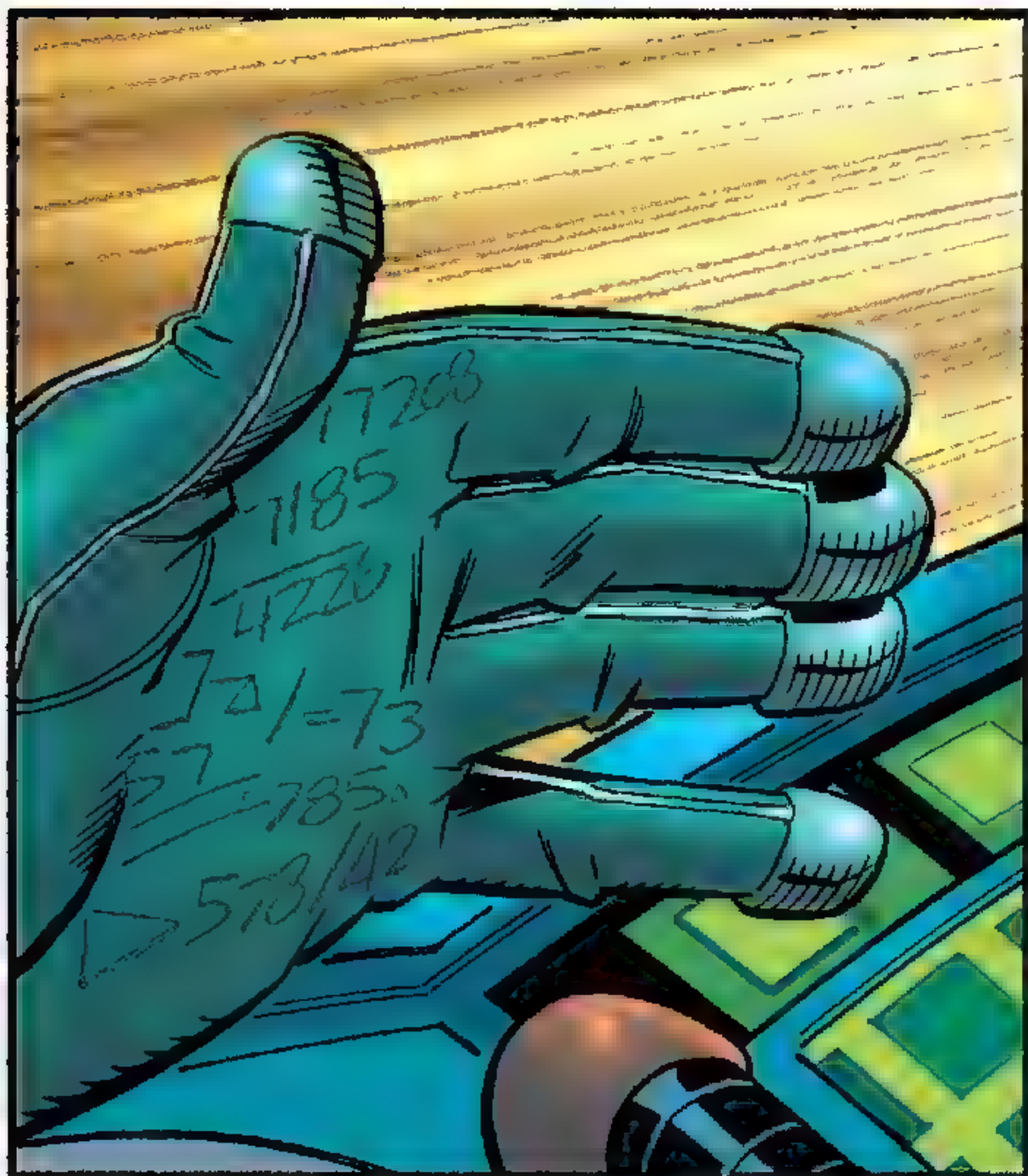
THAT YOUR BEHAVIOR IS ABHORRENT. GET AWAY FROM ME. GO HOME. TRUST ME, WE'LL USE SUE'S FORCE-FIELDS TO CORRAL THE NEXT THING MUTATE WE FIND AND BRING HIM TO YOU FOR THE TRANSFER.

IN THE MEANTIME, ENJOY BEING IRRESPONSIBLE.

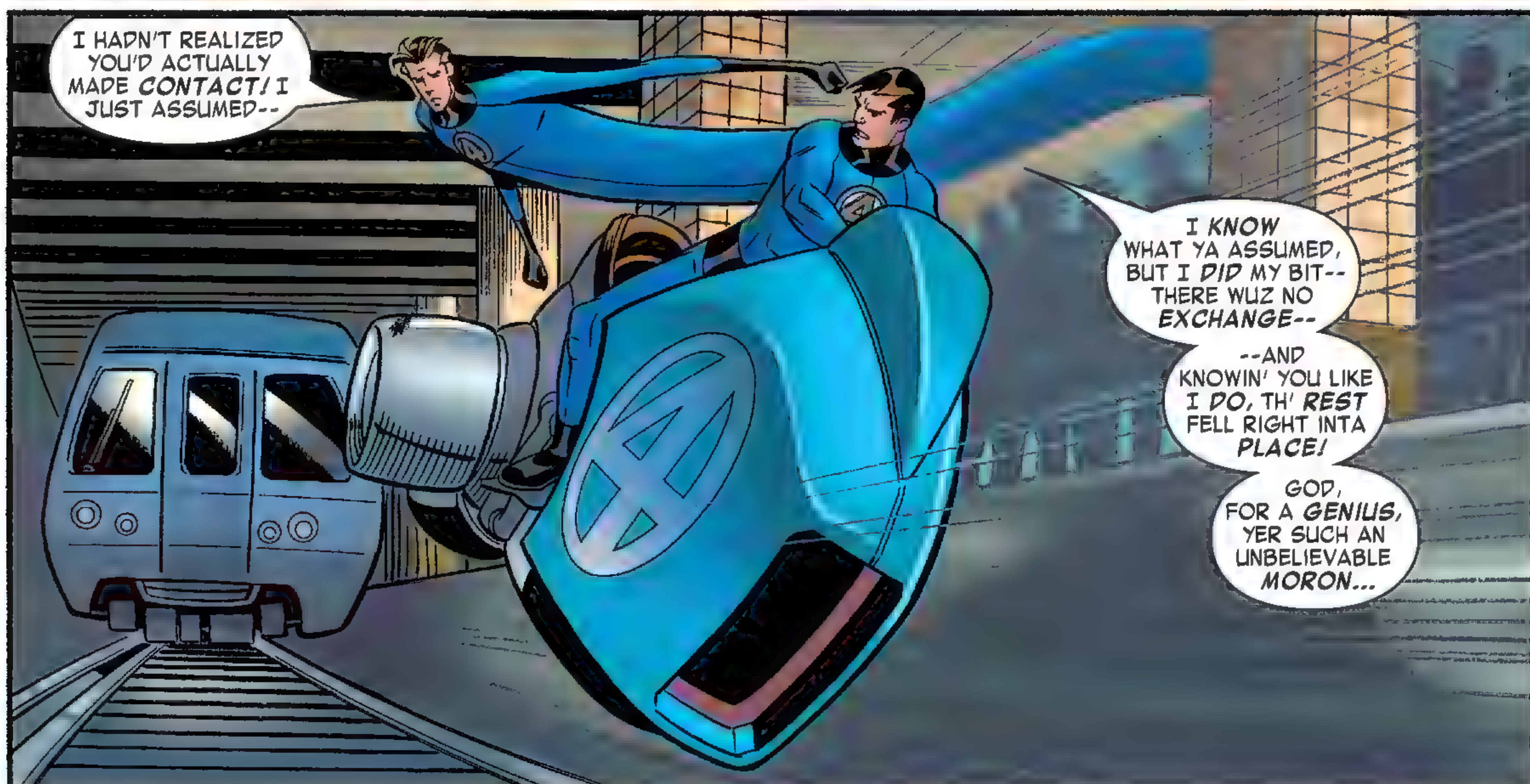
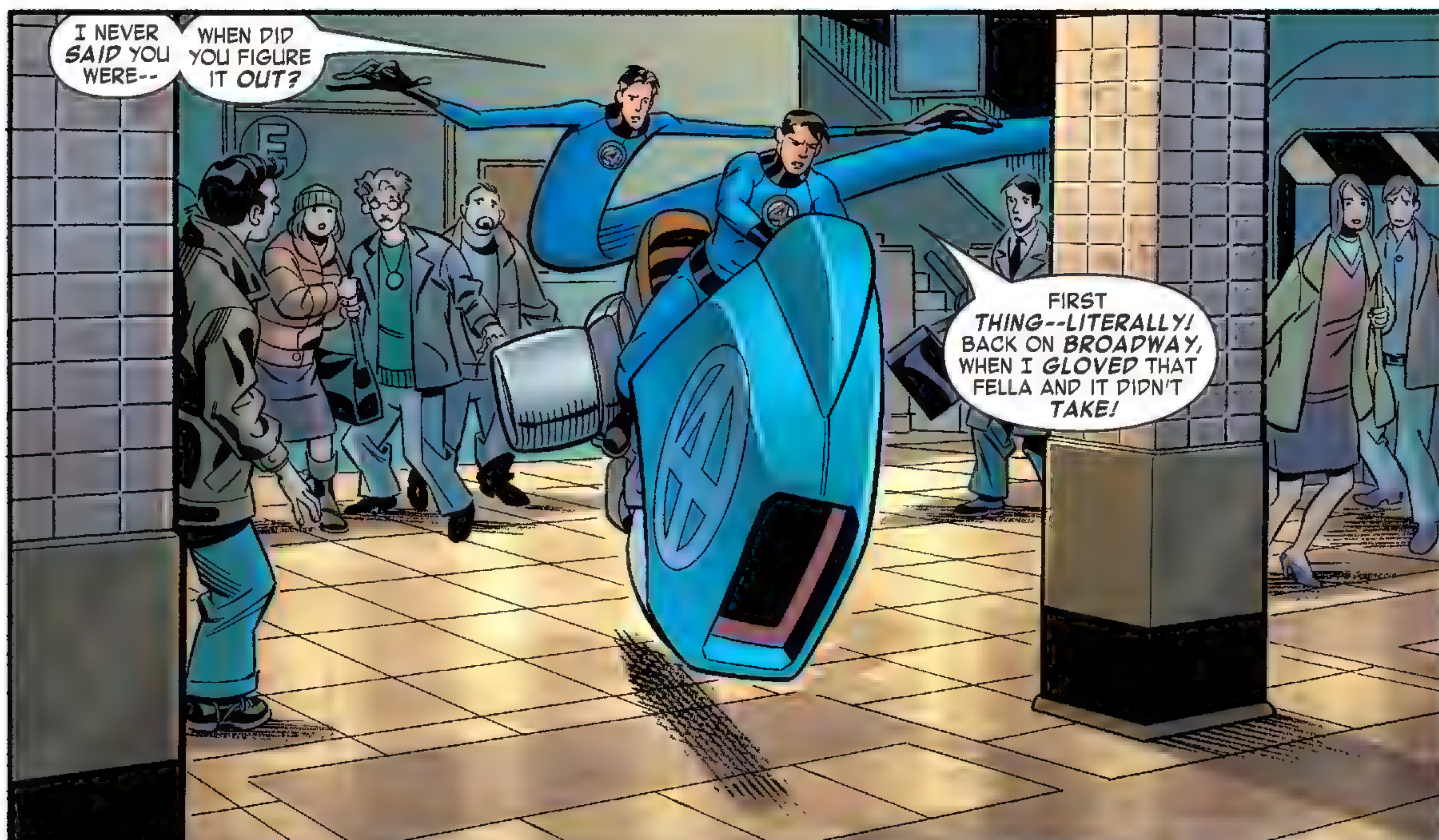
















OUT  
OF LINE,  
MISTER! HOW IS  
ANYTHING I'VE DONE  
TODAY SELFISH BY  
ANY DEFINITION?  
ENLIGHTEN  
ME!

GLAD  
TO!



LISSEN UP! YOU TAKE THIS  
HIT, EVERY DAY AFTERWARD  
YOU GOTTA SPEND REJIGGERING  
YER LAB SO'S YA CAN BUILD  
STUFF WITHOUT BREAKIN' IT  
IS TIME LOST!

A DAY TH'  
WORLD AIN'T  
BETTER CAUSE'A  
SOMETHIN' YOU  
DISCOVERED SOME  
AFTERNOON!

IF YA  
THINK I WANT THAT  
ON MY CONSCIENCE--  
THAT ANY OF US DO--  
THEN ASK YERSELF WHY  
WE'RE SO PROUD TA  
BE ON YER TEAM! HOW  
COME WE WATCH YER  
BACK!



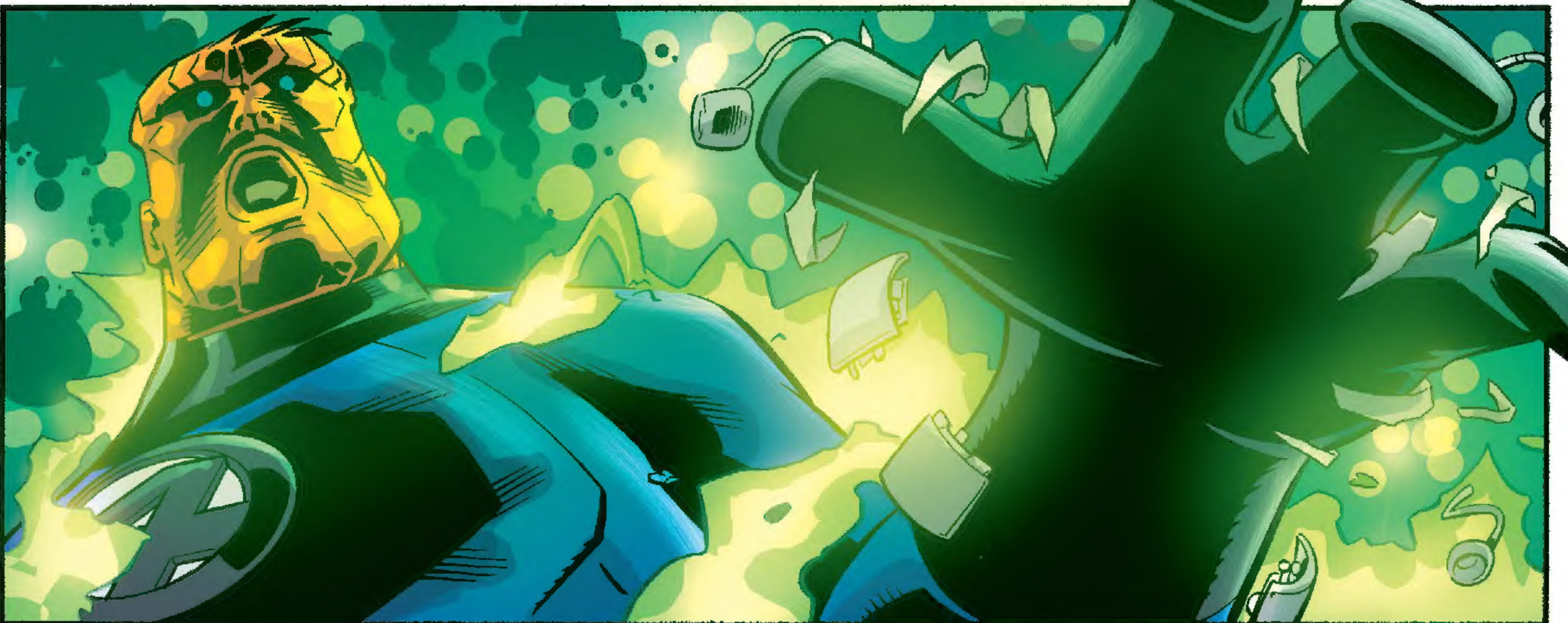
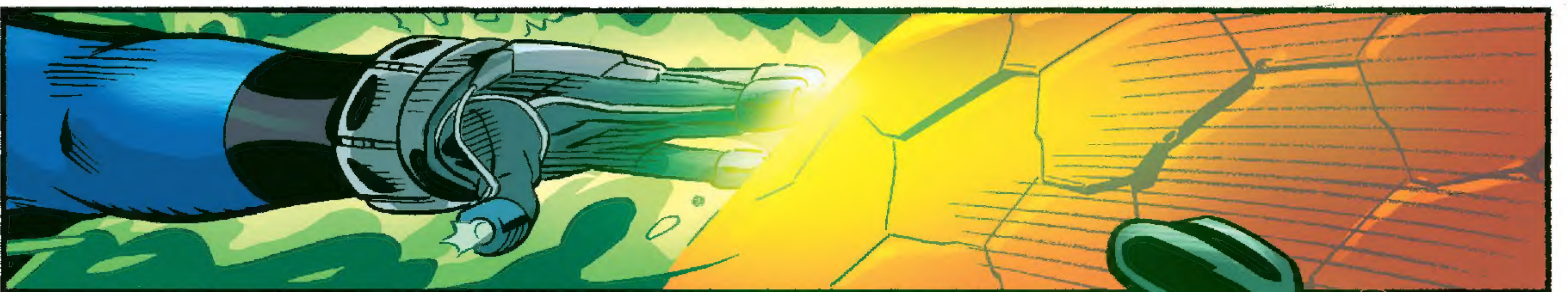
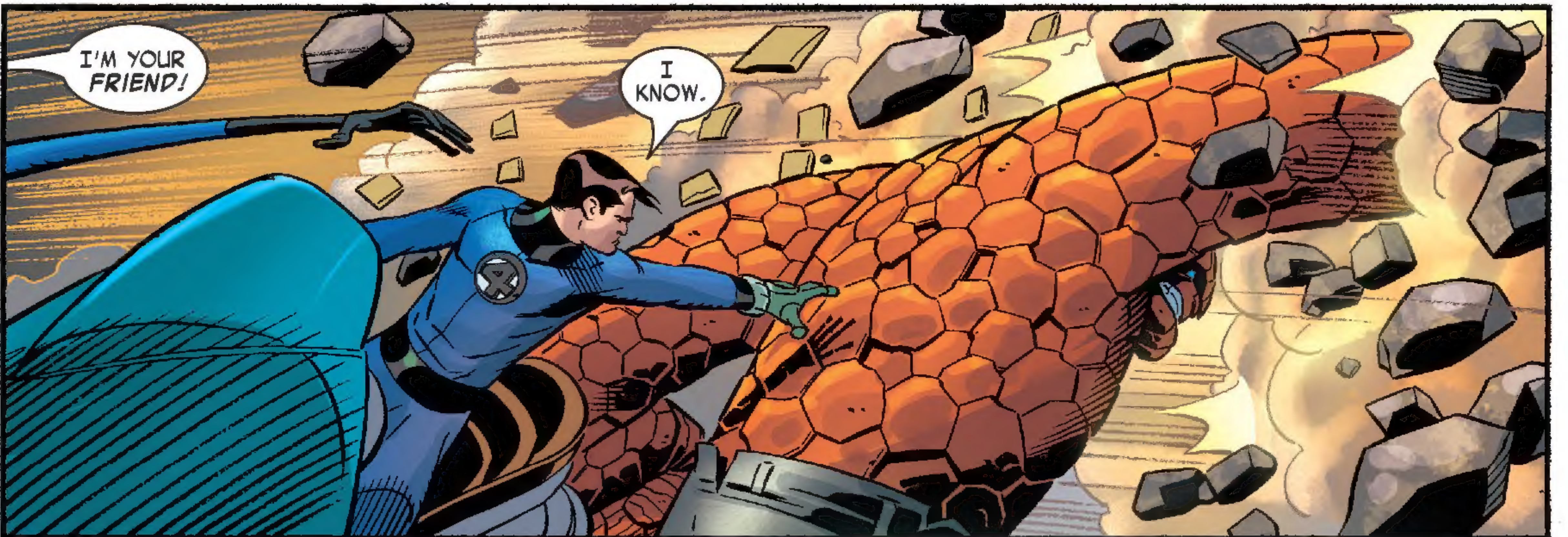
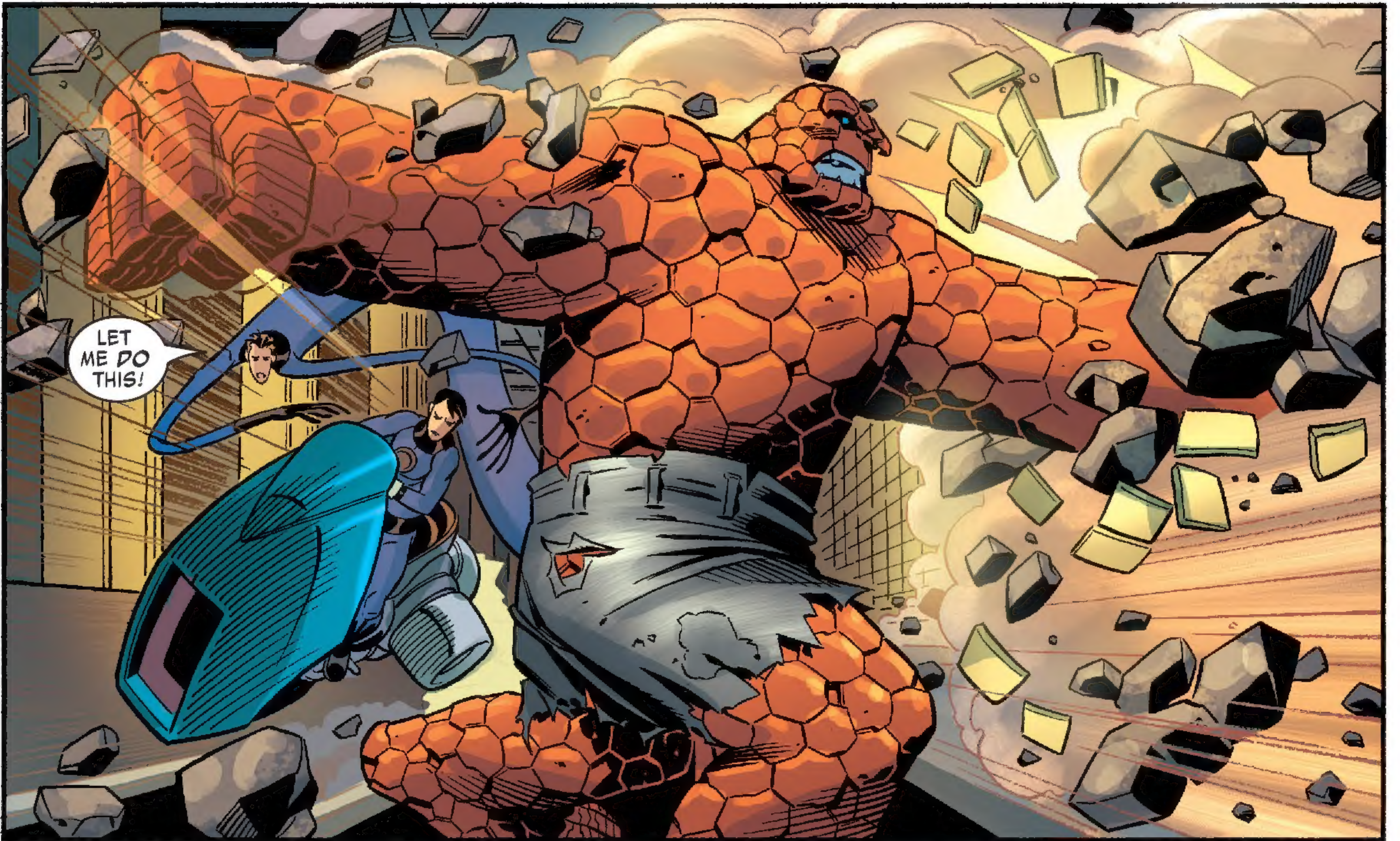
REED,  
IT AIN'T  
JUST LOOKIN'  
UGLY!

IT'S NEVER,  
EVER FEELIN'  
YER KIDS' KISS ON  
YER CHEEK AGAIN! OR  
SUZIE'S HAND IN  
YERS!

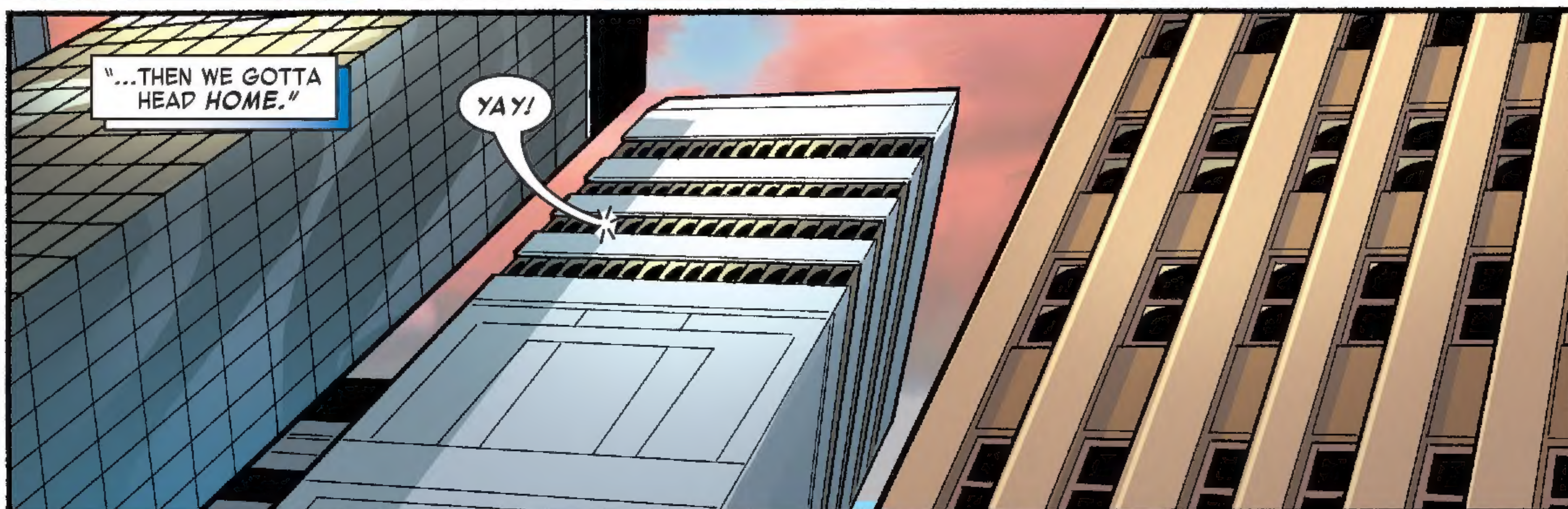
NAW.  
YOU'RE YOU 'N'  
I'M ME AND THAT'S  
TH' COSMIC PLAN!  
STOP FUSSIN'  
WITH IT!

BEN, ALL  
THAT ASIDE,  
I BEG YOU TO  
RECONSIDER! WE  
CAN MAKE THIS  
WORK!













MOMMY!  
DADDY! DID  
YOU BRING ME  
ANY **SUPER-  
POWERS?**

YES!  
YOU'RE **SUPER-  
HANDSOME!**

WHERE'S  
AUNTIE ALICIA?  
IS SHE TAKING  
A NAP?

NAP!



THERE! ONE BIG,  
HAPPY FAMILY!

VAL, YOUR UNCLE BEN DID  
SOMETHING **EXTRA-BRAVE**  
TODAY, AND HE DESERVES  
A **BIG REWARD!**

READY?

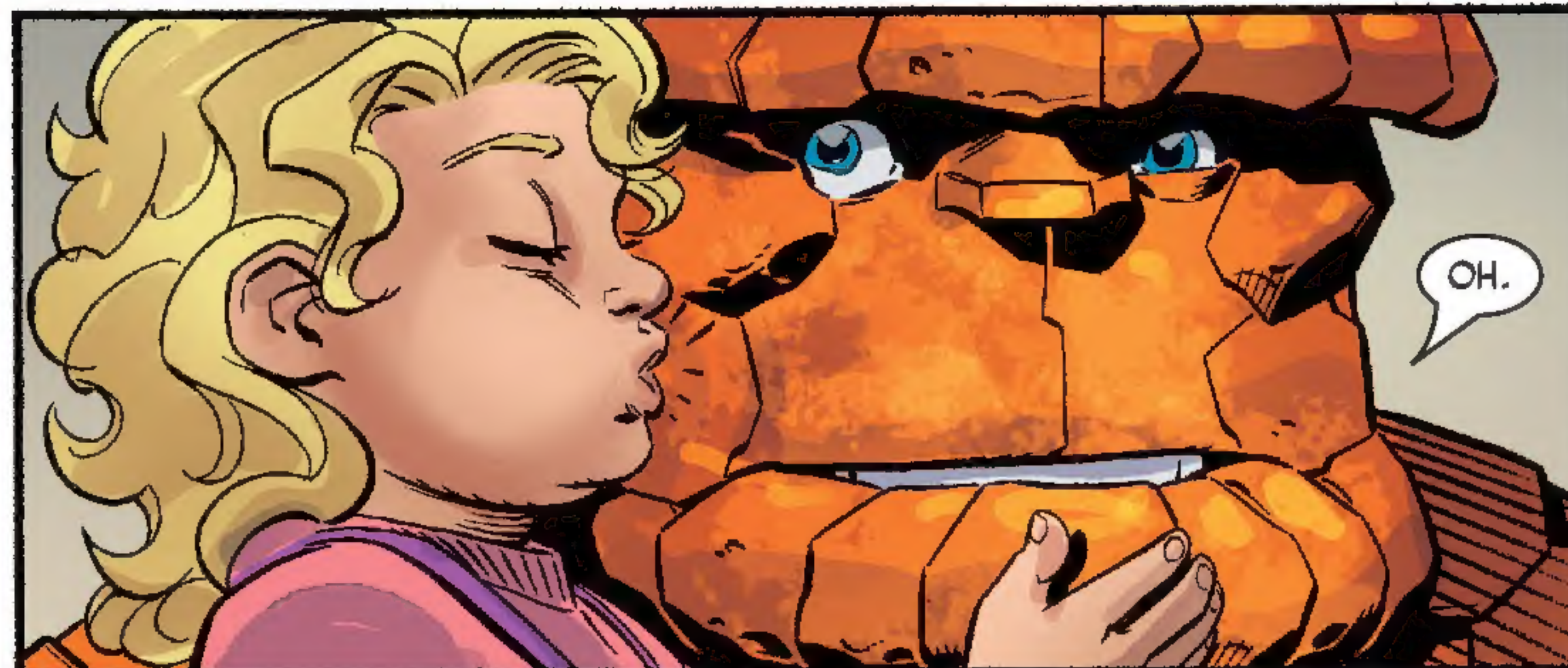


SUZIE, **CAREFUL!**  
THESE MITTS AIN'T  
EXACTLY F'R  
HANDLIN' FINE  
CHINA!

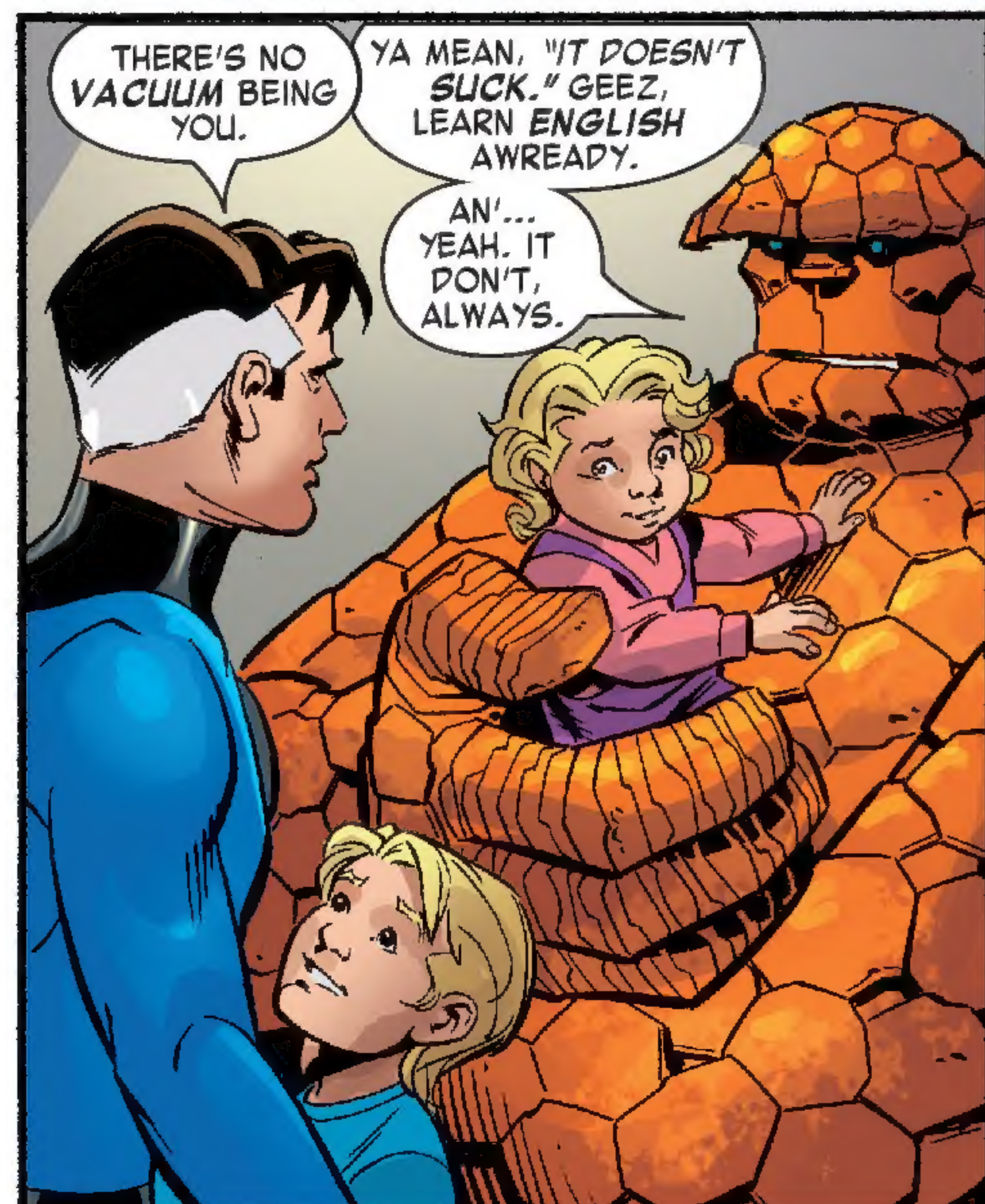
SHUSH.  
HERE. SHE HAS  
SOMETHING  
FOR YOU.

NAP!

AWRIGHT,  
I GOT TH'  
LI'L RUGRAT.  
NOW WHAT?



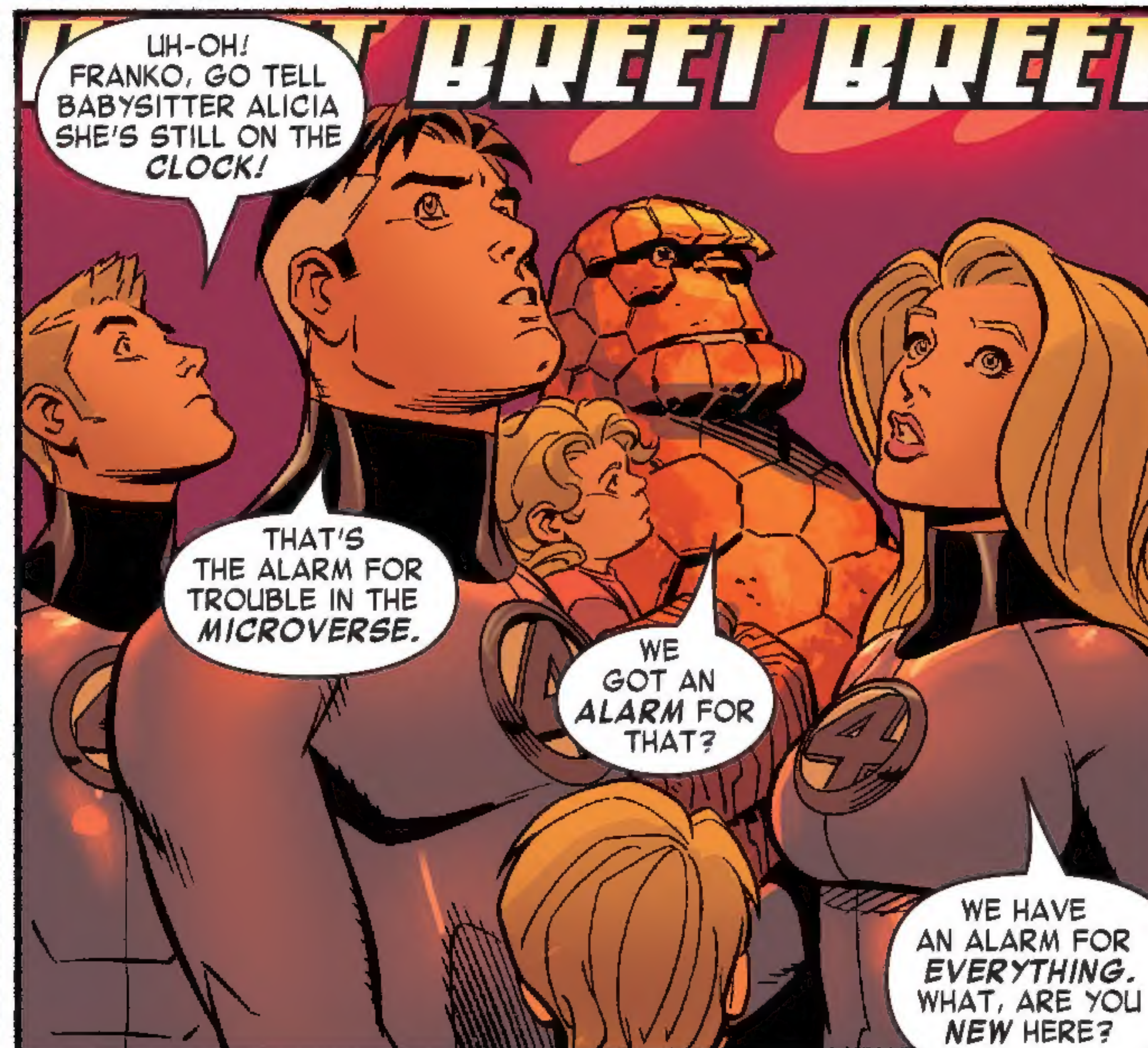
OH.



THERE'S NO  
VACUUM BEING  
YOU.

YA MEAN, "IT DOESN'T  
**SUCK.**" GEEZ,  
LEARN **ENGLISH**  
AWREADY.

AN'...  
YEAH. IT  
DON'T,  
ALWAYS.



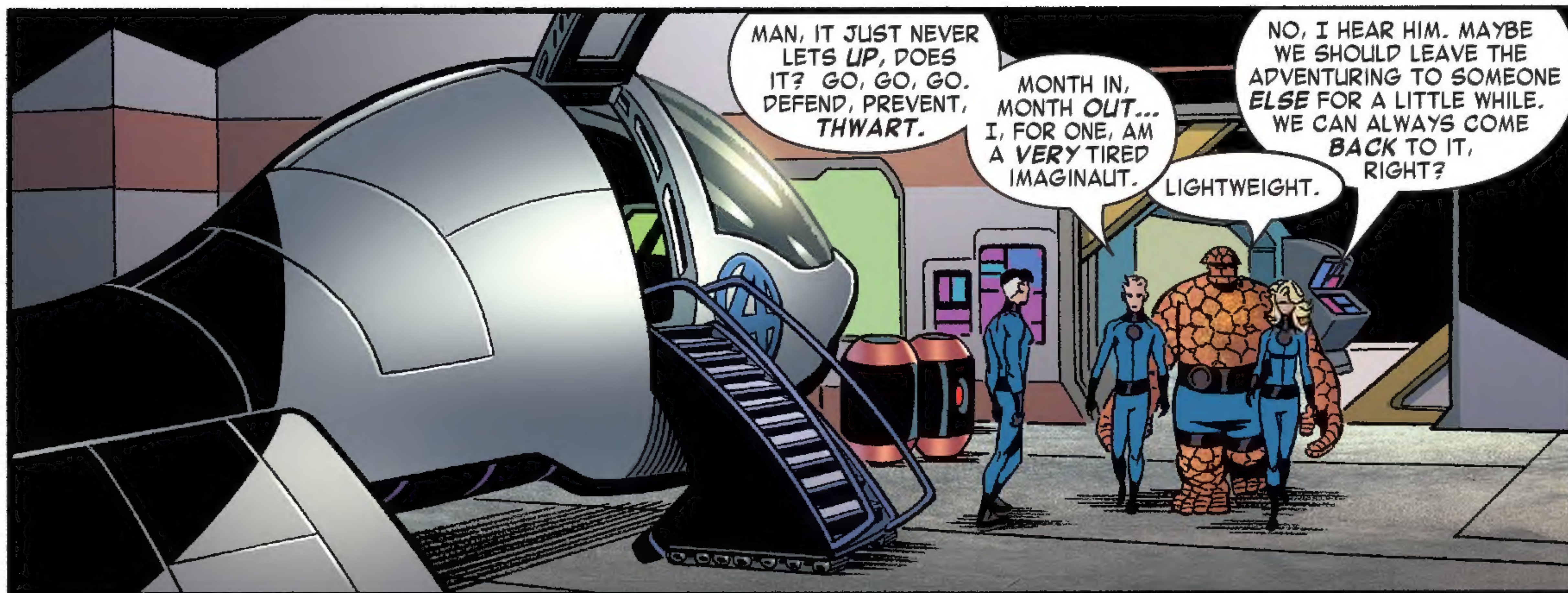
UH-OH!  
FRANKO, GO TELL  
BABYSITTER ALICIA  
SHE'S STILL ON THE  
CLOCK!

THAT'S  
THE ALARM FOR  
TROUBLE IN THE  
MICROVERSE.

WE  
GOT AN  
ALARM FOR  
THAT?

WE HAVE  
AN ALARM FOR  
**EVERYTHING.**  
WHAT, ARE YOU  
NEW HERE?



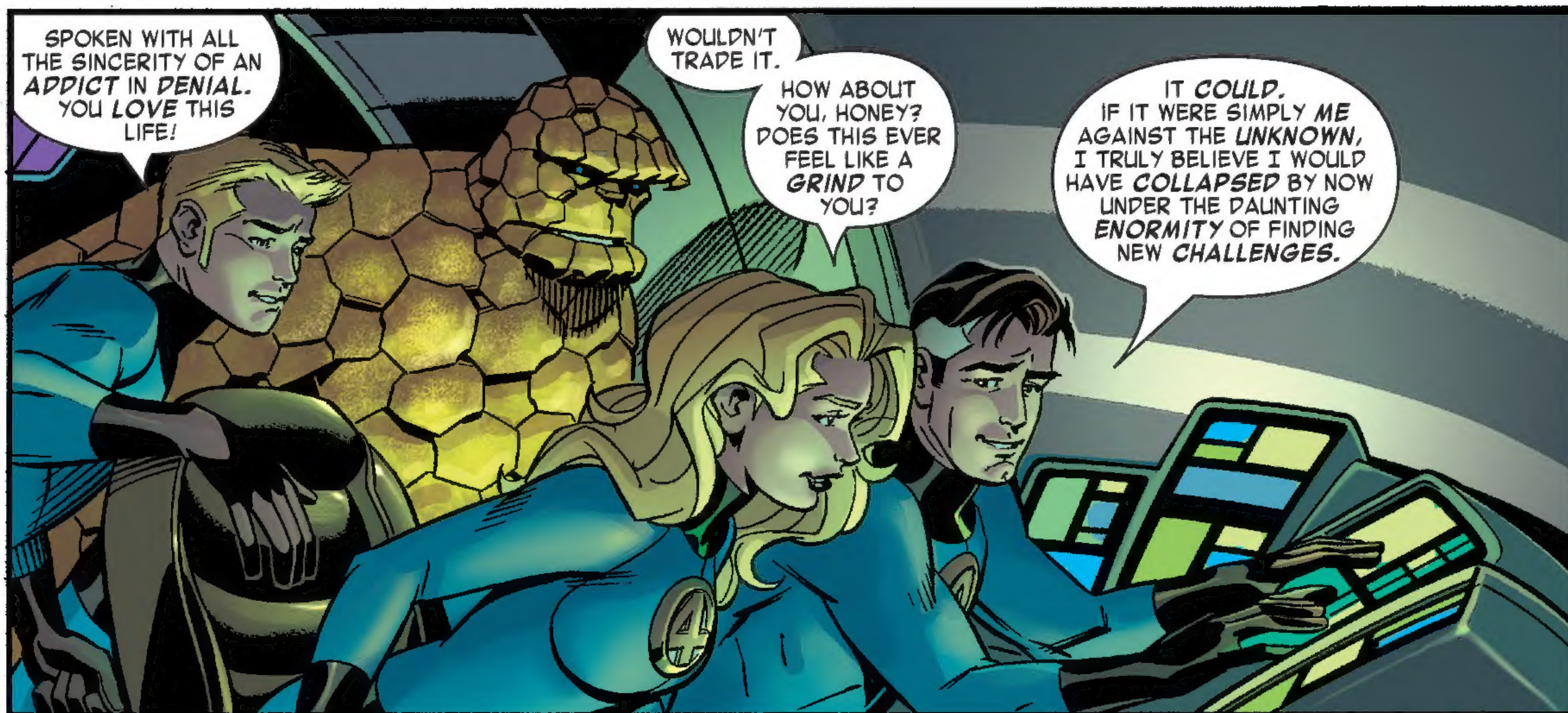


MAN, IT JUST NEVER LETS UP, DOES IT? GO, GO, GO. DEFEND, PREVENT, THWART.

MONTH IN, MONTH OUT... I, FOR ONE, AM A VERY TIRED IMAGNAUT.

LIGHTWEIGHT.

NO, I HEAR HIM. MAYBE WE SHOULD LEAVE THE ADVENTURING TO SOMEONE ELSE FOR A LITTLE WHILE. WE CAN ALWAYS COME BACK TO IT, RIGHT?



SPOKEN WITH ALL THE SINCERITY OF AN ADDICT IN DENIAL. YOU LOVE THIS LIFE!

WOULDN'T TRADE IT.

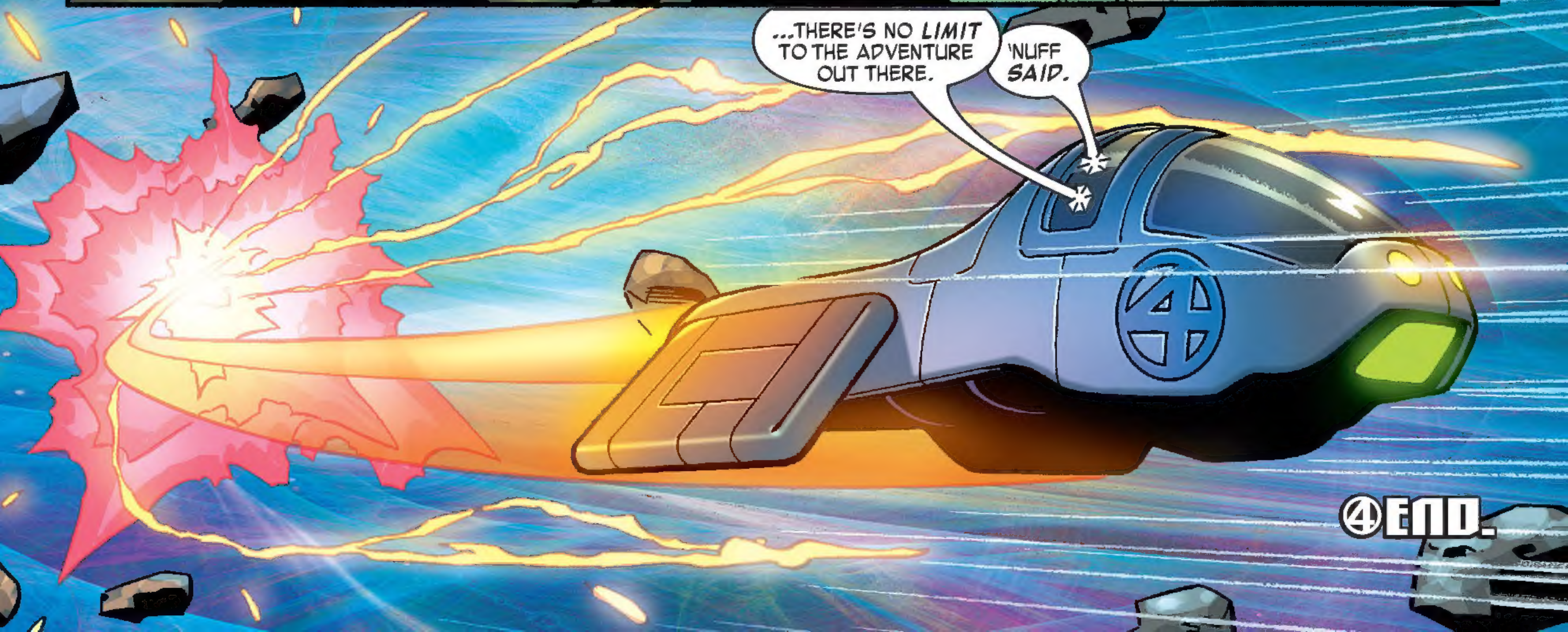
HOW ABOUT YOU, HONEY? DOES THIS EVER FEEL LIKE A GRIND TO YOU?

IT COULD. IF IT WERE SIMPLY ME AGAINST THE UNKNOWN, I TRULY BELIEVE I WOULD HAVE COLLAPSED BY NOW UNDER THE DAUNTING ENORMITY OF FINDING NEW CHALLENGES.



BUT WHAT I'VE LEARNED OVER THE COURSE OF OUR CAREERS IS THAT WORKING ALONGSIDE GOOD PARTNERS MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

AS LONG AS YOU'RE WITH FRIENDS...



...THERE'S NO LIMIT TO THE ADVENTURE OUT THERE.

'NUFF SAID.